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ALABAMA BAPTIST

STATE

CONVENTION.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION.

## DIRECTORY.

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PRESIDENT—W. C. Cleveland, Columbia.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—J. G. Harris, Montgomery.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—B. D. Gray, Birmingham.

SECRETARY—Wm. A. Davis, Anniston.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY—M. M. Wood, Pratt City.

TREASURER—Eugene F. Enslen, Birmingham.

AUDITOR—J. M. Davidson, Birmingham.

DIRECTORS—President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; W. P. Welch, H. S. D. Mallory, Law Lamar, A. J. Dickinson, T. M. Johnson, R. R. Kornegay, J. B. Ellis, J. T. Murfee, R. G. Patrick.

STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS—Term expiring 1897: Jonathan Haralson, W. B. Davidson, S. A. Adams, M. F. Brooks, N. C. Underwood, J. P. Wood, J. J. Taylor; 1898: Geo. W. Ellis, R. E. Pettus, A. J. Dickinson, W. M. Burr, T. L. Jones, A. B. Campbell, W. E. Pierce; 1899: Geo. B. Eager, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Cleveland, P. T. Hale, W. J. Elliott, W. G. Curry, J. P. Shaffer.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President; Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice-President; Mrs. I. C. Brown, Secretary; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE—Term expiring 1897: J. A. Glenn, W. C. Ward, J. Shackelford, B. H. Crumpton, W. G. Curry, Eugene F. Enslen, E. H. Cabaniss, S. P. Fowlkes; 1899: J. M. Arnold, W. C. Cleveland, J. R. Tyson, J. P. Shaffer, John T. Davis, J. P. Hubbard, P. T. Hale, C. C. Jones; 1901: A. W. Bell, J. H. Eubank, W. T. Smith, J. W. Minor, H. H. Brown, B. D. Gray, S. W. Welch, M. B. Neece.

TRUSTEES OF JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE—Term expiring 1897: E. O. Fowlkes, J. P. Shaffer; 1899: Ernest Lamar, B. F. Ellis; 1901: T. T. Daughdrill, R. E. Pettus; 1903: C. C. Huckabee, W. P. Welch; 1905: W. T. Smith, George B. Eager; 1907: J. B. Lovelace, C. A. Wilkerson; 1909: J. A. Frazier, B. T. Eley.

TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANAGE—Term expiring 1897: Z. D. Roby, John Cunningham, J. C. Bush; 1899: J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, C. L. Gay; 1901: Geo. R. Farnham, P. M. Bruner, P. T. Hale.

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### COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT CONVENTION OF 1897.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—A. B. Campbell, S. A. Adams, J. W. Hamner, J. M. McCord, J. E. Cox, R. P. McPherson, I. A. White.

HOME MISSIONS—J. V. Dickinson, C. S. Johnson, W. S. Brown, R. M. Hunter, L. Law, H. L. Martin, S. P. Lindsey.

PROGRAM—W. A. Hobson, B. D. Gray, P. T. Hale, M. M. Wood, W. M. Blackwelder.

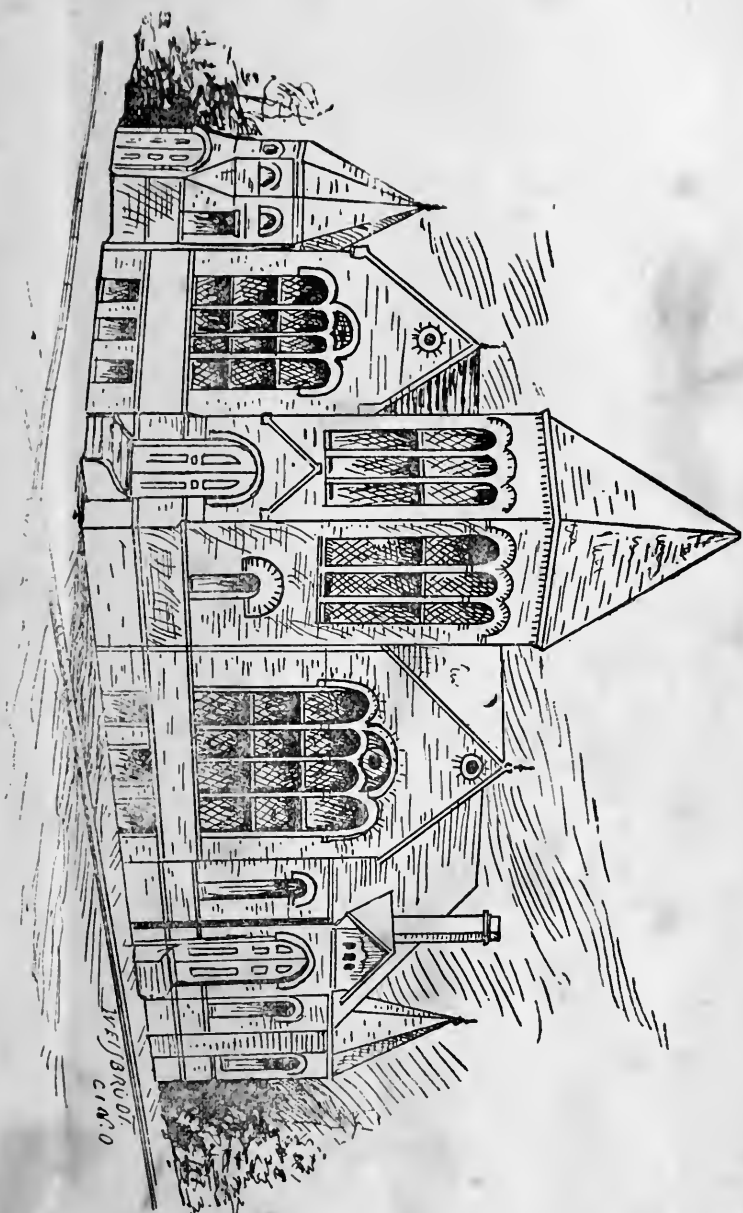
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—T. M. Callaway, J. H. Foster, jr., J. G. Lowrey, H. W. Head, A. J. Thames, W. W. Harris, J. E. Barnes.

TEMPERANCE—J. H. Curry, A. R. Hardy, S. O. Y. Ray, L. M. Bradley, H. C. Harley, J. A. Glenn, F. M. Woods.

WOMAN'S WORK—W. J. Elliott, W. L. White, W. D. Hubbard, C. W. O'Hara, D. W. Ramsey, J. W. Stewart, J. W. Sandlin.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—A. B. Campbell; alternate, W. G. Curry.

NEXT SESSION—At East Lake, Friday, November 12, 1897.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.



# ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION 1896.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION convened in its seventy-fifth session on Friday, November 6, 1896, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., W. C. Cleveland, President, presiding, and Wm. A. Davis acting as Secretary, with the First Baptist Church, of Huntsville, Alabama.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. D. Powell, missionary in Mexico.

3. Delegates were enrolled as per list at end of these proceedings, all names appearing as reported during the session.

4. Officers were elected by a unanimous vote, as follows:

*President*—W. C. Cleveland.

*First Vice-President*—J. G. Harris.

*Second Vice-President*—B. D. Gray.

*Secretary*—Wm. A. Davis.

5. Brief remarks were made by the President.

6. The Program as circulated was reported by the President for the committee and adopted, after amendment.

7. The Convention was welcomed to Huntsville by J. L. Sproles, pastor of First Church, and W. T. Hutchens, mayor of the city, to which response was made by John R. Jordan

8. Visitors were introduced at this juncture and at subsequent times as their names appear with list of delegates.

9. All newspaper representatives were welcomed to seats.

10. J. L. Thompson, President, read

## REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

No doubt this has been one of the most critical years in the history of the Board's work. In addition to the general financial depression and political agitation that have swept over the entire country, there have been indications of disintegration among our people which at one time seriously threatened the efficiency of the work. Through the wise conservatism and tact of the Corresponding Secretary under God we are happy to say that the tide of disorganization that had set in has been stayed. As the result several Associations are now pledged to co-operate with the Board which had heretofore done nothing so far as our organized work is concerned. Contributions are being received continually from sources hitherto unknown to us. The reports from the evangelists and others on the field are full of good cheer and hopefulness. While the number of men employed is not so great as last year, a reference to the summary of work done for the year, will show that the work will average above that of last year. It is with profound gratitude to almighty God that we are able to report to you the encouraging fact that there is only a small deficit due our missionaries, which will doubtless be settled within the next thirty days.

The total receipts to first of November for all purposes are \$21,745.70. This does not include \$3,321.75 which has been collected by our missionaries on the field for church building and repairs, and is not included in the financial exhibit attached to this report. Adding this amount would give a grand total of \$25,067.45. The average receipts per year for the last ten years preceding this have been \$18,770.18. So it will be seen that notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions confronting us this year, our receipts are considerably above the average, going above that of 1893, which was the "Centennial Year," and almost equal that of last year, which covered a period of sixteen months. We are sorry to note the fact that there has been a falling off in contributions to both Home and Foreign Missions.

This report would be incomplete without making mention of the work done by the consecrated women in the Baptist churches throughout the State. By referring to the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1895, it will be seen that during that year the Baptist women of the South raised \$22,799.55 for Foreign Missions and \$33,542.64 for Home Missions, making a total of \$56,342.19. During the year ending November the first the Baptist



women of Alabama have contributed \$7,370.44 for all purposes. We are satisfied that the above mentioned figures do not represent all that has been done by our godly women. These facts are stated to emphasize the importance of their work, and to show how it has contributed to the success of the work of the Board.

It affords us pleasure to make grateful mention of \$500 contributed to our work by the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, and \$300 contributed by the Sunday School Board of Nashville.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the faithfulness of our Corresponding Secretary. Brother W. B. Crumpton was induced to continue in the service of the Board till the first of January last, at which time he was succeeded by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, who was unanimously elected to fill the position which he now occupies. He has had many very serious difficulties to grapple with, has labored under many disadvantages, and has been confronted with grave problems in connection with his work. It must not be forgotten that to become familiar with the details of the work is no small undertaking. In the face of all of these adverse surroundings, he has shown himself worthy of the confidence placed in him. Whatever success we have attained is due in large measure to his wise management, together with the faithful evangelists who have been associated with him during the present year.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Board has been placed at great disadvantage in having this department of its work so far removed from our denominational school. If the suggestions made in another part of this report are adopted by the Convention this difficulty will be removed, and we believe the cause of Ministerial Education will be greatly advanced. During the last scholastic year fourteen ministerial students were assisted at Howard College, and nineteen were there who paid their own expenses. In addition to this there were eighteen students from Alabama at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., making in all fifty-one. We are impressed with the great importance of this department of our denominational work, and do not hesitate to say that it has not received from the denomination the emphasis and hearty support that its importance demands. To do the work that ought to be done during the present session will require not less than \$2,000. There are now 27 ministerial students

at Howard College, 21 of whom are expecting help from the denomination, beside those who are at the Seminary. A request comes to us from the Treasurer of the Students' Fund at the Seminary, through our Corresponding Secretary, asking that the Board refund all money that may have been paid to Alabama students from the Students' Fund. It has been thought best to make mention of this request in our report.

### THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The plan of co-operation between the Home Mission Society of New York, the Home Mission Board, and the white and colored conventions of Alabama, as recommended by the Board to the last Convention and adopted, is now in successful operation. The expense of this work is borne jointly by the Boards mentioned above, \$500 of which is paid by your own State Board. This amount is divided between Brethren W. H. McAlpine. R. T. Pollard and C. O. Boothe. These are faithful, consecrated men, and in every respect worthy of our confidence and support. They are doing a noble work among the colored people of our State, especially among the colored preachers. These brethren are trying to elevate and train their preachers by bringing them together in Ministers' Institutes, as well as in other ways. In these institutes a certain course of study is pursued which pertains to Bible history and doctrine, church government and kindred subjects. In almost every instance these meetings have been well attended, and no doubt will result in great good to the Baptists among the colored people throughout the State. Forty-four institutes have been held, which is about one for each week during the time these men have been employed. This is indeed a most excellent showing. They have also raised for their colored State Convention work \$757.18, and for educational purposes \$321.25, and for church building \$47.57. They have also added thirty-nine subscribers to denominational papers.

### BOOK DEPARTMENT.

By the unanimous action of the Board at the July meeting, it was thought wise in the opinion of those present that it would be greatly to the advance of our work to dispose of the Book Business. A plan was submitted by the Corresponding Secretary, and adopted by the Board, by which our stock of books, etc., was transferred to Brother J. B. Collier, he taking the stock on consignment, and receiving ten per cent. on the sales of the

same. It was absolutely necessary that some disposition be made of this department, as we were not able to make it pay its own running expenses. By the arrangement mentioned above, it is thought that within the next two or three years we will be able to get rid of the debt which has been incurred by this department and constantly increasing.

Brother Collier continues his services as office secretary of the Board at a salary of \$600, and will handle as heretofore all orders for Sunday School literature, the commissions on the same being turned into the treasury of the State Board. Hence, the Board by resolution urges the churches to purchase their literature through this agency. Arrangements for the year upon which we now enter will materially lessen office expenses. Hereto appended is a financial statement of the Book Department, and also exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the State Board of Missions.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Allow me to say concerning the work of the year that it has been successful.

1. *The Work of Evangelists.* I cannot speak in too high terms of our brethren Rev. A. E. Burns and Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, general missionary evangelists, the one in North and the other in South East Alabama. These consecrated men have by God's blessing accomplished great and lasting good in their fields. Many pastors and churches have been awakened to a realization of their obligations to give the gospel of the living God to those who have not received it, and have realized that the Baptists of Alabama must be organized to do their work effectively. Souls have been saved through the preaching of these brethren, weak churches have been built up, and waste places supplied with the gospel. I am more and more impressed with the importance of this work in the State. I find in all sections of the State that the minds of our brethren are turning with increasing interest to this work. Many Associations have organized for it; and with hearty and liberal pledges given assurance of their sympathy. I believe that there will be no difficulty in the evangelist in Southwest Alabama gathering his salary on the field. The Associations have generally all over the State cheerfully pledged all they have been asked for, and in some cases have increased the amount. After a very careful survey of the field, I am persuaded that the Board could safely enlarge its evangelistic work, pro-

vided the promise of the present is realized. I am glad to report that Brethren Burns and Ray have collected on the fields more than their salaries.

The Birmingham Association will press with renewed vigor mission and evangelistic work in its own bounds through the Board, and have promised in addition liberal help to outside work. Mobile Association will expend through the Board seventy-five per cent. of its contribution to State Missions upon its own territory, giving for outside work the remaining twenty-five per cent. This arrangement has been consummated and is already in effect. Several Associations have withdrawn from missionary colportage work, and will join the Board in its regular work.

2. *Missionary Pastors.* While their work for the past twelve months has been greatly cut down, some missionary pastors have been helped during the year, and the help has been wisely given and will result in permanent good. As to the future of this work, I can only urge its importance in some localities, and the wisdom of holding what we have gained by continued help. Herewith is submitted many applications for aid. Would to God you were able to do all that ought to be done.

3. *Institute Work.* In compliance with your instructions I have made a beginning in this work. Institutes have been held at LaFayette, Newton, Clanton, Ashland, Womack Hill and Georgiana. At most of these points the meetings were of great interest. At these institutes Brother George S. Anderson gave daily lectures on "Sermon Structure," and his instructions were almost universally received with favor. Brethren from abroad read papers, delivered lectures, and participated in the discussions, etc., adding much to the instructiveness of these institutes. Missions were never neglected, and collections were generally taken. I call attention to the contributions that have come into the treasury for institute work, and the assurance that for the coming year these will be much increased. I would have you note the fact that this work having the special features of Brother Anderson's lectures is considered by a large number of our brethren as worthy of sympathy and help. In my opinion much such work vigorously prosecuted would be a great factor in the general uplift of our people.

The following named brethren have been employed for the whole or part of their time during the Convention year ending October 31, 1896:

W. C. Bledsoe, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.  
 A. E. Burns, Evangelist, North Alabama.  
 S. O. Y. Ray, Evangelist, Southeast Alabama.  
 W. S. Brown, Missionary Pastor, Florence, Ala.  
 Sidney Catts, Missionary Pastor, Letohatchie, Ala.  
 Conrad Johnson, Missionary Pastor, South Montgomery, Ala.  
 W. J. Elliott, Missionary Pastor, Coosada, Ala.  
 W. W. Harris, Missionary Pastor, Dallas ave., Huntsville, Ala.  
 J. L. Gregory, Missionary Pastor, Lanette, Ala.  
 A. R. Hardy, Missionary Pastor, Greensboro, Ala.  
 J. H. Creighton, Missionary Pastor, Clarksville, Ala.  
 W. R. Ivey, Missionary Pastor, Bessemer, Ala.  
 J. F. Saville, Missionary Pastor, Selma (East), Ala.  
 G. M. Parker, Missionary Pastor, Andalusia, Ala.  
 J. W. Cabiniss, Missionary, Unity Association, Ala.  
 James Hogan, Missionary, Birmingham Association.  
 G. L. Bell, Missionary and Colporter, East Liberty Associ'n.  
 G. W. Kerr, Missionary and Colporter, Union Association.  
 J. O. A. Pace, Missionary and Colporter, Florence Associa'n.  
 J. F. Register, Missionary and Colporter, Geneva Associa'n.  
 W. H. McAlpine, }  
 R. T. Pollard, } Colored Evangelists.  
 C. O. Boothe.

4. *Summary of Work for the Year Ending November 1, 1896:*

Number of men employed.....	23
Days of service .....	5,035
Miles traveled.....	41,120
Sermons delivered.....	2,088
Addresses made.....	828
Churches constituted.....	3
Number of persons baptized .....	253
Baptized by others in connection with missionaries .....	238
Received by letter.....	255
Restored .....	12
Sunday Schools organized .....	12
Ladies' Societies organized.....	7
Prayer-meetings organized.....	12
Prayer-meetings held .....	548
Number of visits to preaching stations.....	204
Number of Churches visited .....	583
Number of visits made.....	5,153
Subscribers to Alabama Baptist secured .....	447

Subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal.....	82
Subscribers to State Mission Journal .....	154
Pages of tracts distributed.....	36,828
Meeting houses commenced.....	6
Meeting houses finished.....	6
Money collected for meeting houses.....	\$4,405 05
Money collected for all missions.....	2,176 46
Collected for ministerial education.....	188 90
For Orphans' Home.....	143 41
Number of books sold.....	559
Bibles and Testaments sold .....	316
Bibles and Testaments donated .....	40

It will be observed that only a small number of churches have been constituted by our missionaries. In explanation of this fact it is but just to say, that the policy of the Board has been to "strengthen the things that remain," rather than to organize new churches with no hope of their becoming self-sustaining."

The above extracts from the report of the Corresponding Secretary are given in his own language and need no comment or explanation from us.

#### SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE FUTURE POLICY OF THE BOARD.

1. We recommend that existing rules in force in regard to the present constitution of the Board, which are to be found on page 31 of the minutes of 1892, be so changed as to make the State Board of Missions to consist of nine members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The filling of vacancies and terms of members to remain unchanged.

2. Reaffirming our confidence in the policy of the Board hitherto adopted by this Convention, we recommend that as soon as practicable after the session of the Convention the Board shall meet and appoint as many evangelists as there shall be reasonable hope of sustaining, and locate them as in their wisdom they deem best. Reference to the work of the Board in the past shows that it has been most prosperous and the affairs of the denomination have thriven most during the time that consecrated evangelists were employed. By returning to a method so fruitful of general results we emphasize a scriptural means for reclaiming the lost and for strengthening the things that remain.

3. Evangelists as appointed shall be charged as heretofore with the responsibility of looking after all denominational interests in the territory to which they may be assigned. They shall make full report of work done quarterly, and suggest work that needs to be done, as the result of their observation on the field.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board shall request the Home and Foreign Boards to employ such agencies in the prosecution of their work in the State as to them shall seem wise.

5. A Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of seven members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be appointed. This Board shall attend to matters pertaining to Ministerial Education, and shall be located at East Lake. The regulations now existing in regard to ministerial students shall continue in force, and the Board shall appoint committees necessary under the regulations.

No suggestion is made in regard to the Book Business, that having been disposed of by previous action of the Board. It is the opinion of the Board that under favorable conditions this could be made of great practical utility to the denomination in the State. However, it has been thought best to allow this matter to await the developments of the future.

We make these suggestions believing that the time has come when all the Baptist enterprises in the State need the aroused, consecrated, earnest interest of the denomination, and that in a few years the number of active, intelligent, reliable supporters of our various enterprises will be largely increased, and that thereby we will be enabled to do larger and better things.

We further believe that, in the wake of the successful prosecution of evangelistic work, and the liberal support of ministerial education, all of our enterprises will follow in ever increasing prosperity.

With becoming modesty, and impelled by profound love for the Master, and deep concern for the advancement of his cause, we make these suggestions, and ask for them a prayerful, earnest and respectful consideration on the part of the Convention, knowing that these matters concern you equally as much as they do anyone else.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire at this meeting of the Convention: Geo. B. Eager; W. C. Cleveland; W. D. Gay, elected to fill the unexpired term of W. E. Hudmon who resigned; H. S. D. Mallory; J. P. Shaffer, elected to fill the unexpired term of W. C. Bledsoe, resigned; P. T. Hale; W. M.

Harris. J. A. French, whose term expires in 1898, having moved from the State, leaves an additional vacancy to be filled.

J. L. THOMPSON, President.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 202 78	
amount received from all sources.....	9,799 14—	\$10,001 92
By amount paid Rev. W. B. Crumpton .....	350 00	
Secretary .....	1,190 94	
Missionaries.....	7,421 11	
Office expenses.....	393 86	
Exch'ge and money orders.	20 99	
Postage .....	58 14	
Telegrams .....	7 70	
Wom. Cent. Com. expenses	13 82	
Trav. exp. Secretary.....	281 32	
Agents.....	313 18	
Mem'rs of Board	133 46	
South Montgomery Church	216 00	
State Mission Journal.....	24 85	
Book department .....	206 48	
State Convention Minutes.	28 69	
Stationery and printing...	102 50—	\$10,663 04
To debit balance.....	\$ 661 12	

#### HOME MISSIONS.

To amount received for Home Missions.....	\$ 2,796 90	
Diaz.....	57 91	
Cuban Missions....	7 95	
Frontier Missions..	5 00	
Pura Cova .....	10 00	
Indian Missions....	7 17—	\$ 2,884 93
By amount paid to Rev. I. T. Tichenor .....	2,853 40	
By balance on hand.....	\$ 31 53	

#### BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

To amount received .....	\$ 63 81
By amount paid .....	63 81



## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance on hand.....	\$	230	37	
amount received.....		1,199	71	\$ 1,430 08
By amount paid.....				1,364 81
By balance on hand.....	\$		65	27

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To amount received for Foreign Missions....	\$	3,719	39	
Madera Institute....		18	00	
Japan.....		5	00	
Italy.....		16	25	
Mexico.....		9	00	
Brazil.....		5	00	
Sunbeams' Mission.		15	25	
China.....		193	64	
African Missions....		8	68	
North China.....		13	55	
Miss Kelly.....		204	22	
Birmingham Miss'n		235	13	
Mission debt.....		40	26	\$ 4,483 37
By amount paid Rev. R. J. Willingham....				4,314 28
By balance on hand.....	\$		169	09

## GREENSBORO HOUSE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	33	15	
amount received.....		1,721	61	\$ 1,754 76
By amount paid.....				1,043 72
				\$ 711 04

## ORPHANAGE.

To amount received.....	\$	606	46	
By amount paid Rev. J. W. Stewart.....		599	36	—
By balance on hand.....	\$		7	10

## CHILDREN'S DAY.

To amount received.....	\$	27	29	
By amount paid.....		19	65	\$ 7 64

## CHURCH BUILDING.

To amount received.....	\$	104	72	
balance on hand last report.....		8	16	\$ 112 88
By amount paid.....				82 07
By balance on hand.....	\$		30	81

## LANETT CHURCH.

To amount received .....	\$	10 00	
By amount paid .....		10 00	

## COLLEGE BUILDING.

To amount received.....	\$	9 40—	
By balance on hand .....	\$		9 40

## HOWARD COLLEGE.

To amount received.....	\$	320 68	
By amount paid .....		301 53—	
By balance on hand .....	\$		19 15

## INSTITUTE WORK.

To amount received .....	\$	413 05	
By amount paid.....		264 61—	
By balance on hand .....	\$		148 44

## EVANG. COLORED PEOPLE.

To amount received.....	\$	5 00—	
By amount on hand.....	\$		5 00

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	367 08	
amount receive.....		31 20—	
By amount on hand.....	\$		398 28

## ORPHANS' BUILDING.

To amount received .....	\$	15 35	
By amount paid .....		13 25—	
By balance on hand .....	\$		2 10

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AT SEMINARY.

To amount received .....	\$	13 03	
By amount paid .....		13 03	

## JUDSON INSTITUTE.

To amount on hand .....	\$	7 40	
By amount paid .....		7 40	

## STATE MISSION JOURNAL.

To amount received .....	\$	36 95	
By amount paid .....	\$		61 80

## RECAPITULATION.

State Missions.....	\$ 9,799 14	
Home Missions.....	2,884 93	
Bible and Colportage.....	63 81	
Ministerial Education.....	1,199 71	
Foreign Missions.....	4,483 37	
Greensboro House.....	1,721 61	
Orphanage.....	606 46	
Children's Day.....	27 29	
Church Building.....	104 72	
Lanett Church.....	10 00	
College Building.....	9 40	
Howard College.....	320 68	
Institute Work.....	413 05	
Evang. Colored People.....	5 00	
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....	31 20	
Orphans' Building.....	15 35	
Ministerial Education at Seminary.....	13 03	
State Mission Journal.....	36 95—	\$21,745 70

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Board of Missions, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

J. C. POPE, *Auditor.*

## STATEMENT OF THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Resources on hand November 1, 1895.....	\$ 2,163 64	
Contributions from churches, etc.....	63 81—	\$ 2,227 45
Less donation account.....	\$73 17	
Discounts and losses on books.....	66 00— 139 17—	139 17
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		\$ 2,088 28
Stock on hand, inventory.....	\$ 1,514 77	
Accounts due by colporters.....	647 65	
sundry parties.....	847 23	
Accounts old Mission Board.....	325 22	
Due by State Board.....	287 02	
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	\$ 3,817 08	
Present indebtedness.....	1,591 08—	
Present Worth.....		\$ 2,226 00
Sales of the Department.....	\$ 4,759 19	
Expenses of the Department.....	372 51	
Expense Account embraces the following items:		

Printing and stationery.....	\$	61	09	
Office expenses .....		50	25	
Insurance.....		24	50	
Exchange and telegrams .....		19	37	
Postage and stamps .....		193	28	
Sundries.....		24	02—\$	372 51

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. COLLIER, *Secretary.*

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of J. B. Collier, Secretary of the Book Department of the State Board of Missions, and find them to be true and correct and supported by proper vouchers.

J. C. POPE, *Auditor.*

On motion of A. E. Burns, the suggestions as to Future Policy of the Board were referred to a committee consisting of J. Shackelford, J. H. Foster, jr., M. M. Wood, S. P. Lindsey, J. V. Dickinson, A. W. McGaha, W. L. White; and the remainder of the report was referred to a committee consisting of J. H. Curry, C. W. O'hara, H. C. Hurley, A. B. Campbell, and C. S. Rabb.

11. The Convention heard read by J. L. Thompson

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Committee has pursued its usual line of work, viz:

Distribution of literature to spread the knowledge of the efforts and needs of the denomination;

Extensive correspondence to arouse interest and secure co-operation;

Appeals for funds for the Home, Foreign, and State Boards, and for Howard College; and

Earnest solicitations for the formation of Women's and Young People's societies in every church.

Miss Hartwell and Miss Kelly have been sustained in China.

Twenty-two boxes have been sent to Frontier Missionaries; valued at \$1230.

The work outlined for the present year embraces, A Week of Self-Denial; A Christmas Offering for China; Boxes to Frontier Missionaries; \$1550.00 asked for by the Foreign Board, and \$1950.00 by the Home Board.

Letters and postal cards written, 1529; letters and postal cards received, 713; leaflets and pamphlets distributed, 6,000; Christmas envelopes distributed, 3,000; Mission cards distributed, 1,400; Mite Barrels distributed, 125; Mission Aid Societies, 217; Young People's societies, 72.

MRS. I. C. BROWN, Secretary.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The amounts contributed during the year are as follows:

Bigbee Association.....	\$ 489 18
Birmingham Association.....	2841 41
Cahaba                   “ .....	25 00
Calhoun County       “ .....	880 73
Coosa River           “ .....	23 50
Central               “ .....	35 50
Conecuh              “ .....	354 24
Columbia             “ .....	5 00
Eufaula               “ .....	192 23
Etowah                “ .....	81 80
East Liberty         “ .....	364 54
Elim                  “ .....	9 36
Florence             “ .....	121 54
Harris                “ .....	291 09
Montgomery         “ .....	743 70
Mobile                “ .....	70 00
Mineral Springs     “ .....	96 32
Selma                 “ .....	238 53
Shelby                “ .....	61 96
Tuskegee            “ .....	71 90
Tennessee River    “ .....	132 84
Union                 “ .....	224 85
Unity                 “ .....	6 72
Zion                  “ .....	11 50

Total amount.....\$7370 44

Amounts contributed Foreign Missions.....\$ 1410 02

“                   “       Home       “ .....

“                   “       State     “ .....

Amounts contributed Church Aid..... 2916 73

Total.....\$7370 44

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. M. MORROW.

Birmingham. Nov. 5th, 1896.

Treasurer.

12. P. T. Hale, President of Board of Trustees of Howard College, submitted

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 5, 1896.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees last June, Dr. A. W. McGaha declined to allow his name to go before the Board for re-election to the Presidency of the College, urging that in its critical financial condition the institution, for the present, dispense with that officer. Dr. McGaha's earnest and unselfish recommendation was voted upon, and he severed his connection with the College, with the esteem and affection of the entire body of students, faculty and Board of Trustees.

Prof. A. D. Smith was at once elected Chairman of the Faculty. Professor Smith has more than met the high expectations of the friends of the College, showing himself not only a teacher of marked ability, a kind but rigid disciplinarian, but, by his extraordinary business abilities, he has put the affairs of the College upon the safest business basis, and has inspired well-founded hopes of the future prosperity of the school. A modest salary was voted the Faculty, but even this with the understanding that if the income of the College did not meet the amount of their salaries, besides keeping the buildings in proper condition, they were to accept the amount they cleared as full compensation for their services. So there is no danger of the College getting in debt for running expenses. If, however, the amount earned by the College exceeds the amount promised them, it is to go towards the payment of the bonded debt.

With Professor Smith's rare business ability, it is possible that we may have something to pay towards the debt this year.

At the June meeting of the Trustees, against the earnest wish of its members, Hon. W. C. Ward, LL.D., resigned the presidency of the Board of Trustees. The long, able, generous and faithful services of our distinguished brother, merit the high and grateful appreciation of the denomination throughout the State.

On account of lack of suitable arrangements for their accommodation, it has been thought best, for the present, not to admit young ladies as students into the College.

The financial condition of the College was such that the Board requested our brethren, Dr. B. D. Gray and P. T. Hale, and soon afterwards Rev. W. A. Hobson, to go out and raise

what money they could for the pressing exigencies of the school. Their churches, with a spirit of self-sacrifice and generosity highly commendable to their denominational zeal, released these pastors, and they have done their best, having secured over \$8,000 in spot cash, and received the assurance of many brethren that they will help. .

A letter just received from Mr. D. Howard Foote, Secretary and Treasurer of the Union Trust Gompany, of Philadelphia, our creditors, conveys the pleasing promise that they will remit all back interest due November 1, 1896, besides their donation of \$1,000 from the principal.

Improvements have been made in the building, campus, mess hall, etc. Electric cars now run every twelve minutes to the Lake, thus assuring a larger local patronage in the future, and greatly enhancing the value of the College property.

There are now in barracks 133 students, of whom 26 are preparing to preach the gospel.

Dr. H. L. Morehouse, Secretary of the Baptist Education Society, holds out some hope that his Society will assist in the endowment of the College after the debt shall have been paid.

The health of the students has been almost perfect, and the order remarkably good.

We are encouraged by the generous response of our people, so far, considering the stringency of money matters and the engrossing political excitement. If so large a sum has been raised within four months, in such circumstances, what may we not expect in the next twelve months, with the College in a hopeful condition? The prospects of great success and unparalleled usefulness for the College were never so great as now. The quarter of a hundred young preachers are acting as missionaries in the mines and the destitute places within a radius of fifty miles. The College is now self-supporting. And, if our people will all unite and sustain, by purse and patronage, the greatest and most fundamental of all our Denominational enterprises, we shall, with God's blessings, have at no distant day an institution of which the Baptist brotherhood throughout the South may justly be proud, and which will be an increasing and mighty factor in the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ on the earth.

Full amount of principal and interest to Nov. 1, 1896,	
due Union Trust Co., Philadelphia, on mortgage.	\$38,443 00
By amount cash in bank, collected in the past	
four months.....	\$8,000

Amount proposed to be donated by Union Trust

Company ..... 3,733—\$11,733 00

Amount necessary to meet mortgage.....\$26,710 00

OTHER INDEBTEDNESS.

Due D. I. Purser (on note).....\$1,000 00

on heater..... 1,500 00

M. T. Richards (balance on dormitories)..... 4,000 00

W. A. Averett (loan)..... 1,000 00

C. Williams (on loan)..... 750 00

Jefferson County Bank (on loan)..... 335 00

Total.....\$8,585 00

To meet the above, we have property conservatively

estimated at.....\$9,000 00

Besides, we have a large amount in notes, given by the brethren, which, now that the College is getting in so hopeful a state, brethren are paying. We earnestly urge every brother who has been good enough to give his note, to pay at once what he can on it.

The \$1,000 note of Dr. Purser is now in the hands of a brother, who proposes to contribute \$400 of it. The heater has been rejected. So it will be seen that if brethren will pay the \$26,000 due on the mortgage, the College will be entirely out of debt, and have some balance in the treasury for endowment.

P. T. HALE,

*President Board of Trustees.*

13. G. R. Farnham, President of Board of Trustees of Orphans' Home read:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ORPHANS' HOME.

At the date of our last report we had in the Home 35 children and since that time and up to this date we have received 12, making a total of 47. We have sent out by adoption during the year, 13, leaving in the Home at present 34.

We have received into the Home from the beginning: boys, 29; girls 31, making a total of 60. We have sent out by adoption: boys, 10; girls, 14, making a total of 24. We have sent out by apprenticeship: boys 2. Total sent out 26.

In letting out the children either by apprenticeship or adoption, the utmost precaution is exercised to place them in homes where they will be properly cared for and trained; and our contract reserves for us the right to have the oversight of them



until they attain their majority, and to take them back if in our judgement they are improperly treated or neglected.

#### THE MANAGEMENT.

The Home is under the direct management of Mrs. Ansley, the Matron, with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cannon as her assistants. These noble women have labored faithfully, under many disadvantages, for the comfort and the training of the children, controlling them by appealing to their sense of honor and pride, and cultivating a spirit of love and mutual confidence, so that the family instinct and feeling, rather than that of a public institution, pervades the home. The children are taught to sing and repeat Scripture, as well as to perform their tasks in farm and house work, and those who are old enough are sent to the Agricultural School, a State institution where tuition is free. They are also required to attend Church and Sunday school.

#### HEALTH.

During last winter and spring we passed through three epidemics, whooping cough, mumps and measles. Nearly all the children were sick at the same time with measles, and some were dangerously ill, but through the faithful care of the Matron and her assistants and the skillful treatment of Dr. P. M. Bruner, one of our trustees, all recovered. We have had some slight sickness since, but all are well now, and we are thankful to say that we have never had a death in the Home.

#### SUPPORT.

With profound gratitude to God and to our brethren and others throughout the State, especially to those Churches, Sunday schools, Ladies' Missionary and Aid societies, who have made monthly contributions towards our support, the children have not lacked for substantial food and clothing.

In this connection we trust it is not improper to compare our expenditures with that of our Methodist brethren at Summerfield where their Orphans' Home is located.

The monthly cost of each child there, is \$12.75, or \$155.75 annually, with an average number of 24 in the Home.

The monthly cost of each child with us, is \$7.25, or \$87.30 annually, with an average number of 34 children in the Home. Showing a balance in our favor of \$5.50 per month on each child, or \$66.00 per year.

#### PROPERTY.

We have 80 acres of land well fenced and watered, lying

partly in the corporate limits of the city, and not over fifty yards from the new \$10,000 Southwest Alabama Agricultural building, belonging to the State. Our improvements consist of a 10-room brick dwelling with some small out-houses, lot and barn, garden, orchard and farm. This property was selected by a committee appointed by this Convention at its session in Greenville, and purchased for \$5000 in three payments, the last of which was made since our last report and we now have a perfect title to the property. It has enhanced in value since our purchase and the prospects are that it will enhance much more in the near future.

#### OUR NEEDS.

We are in great need of a dining room, kitchen, laundry room, bath rooms, sick ward, and six or eight more living rooms. If all the Churches and Sunday schools will take a special collection for the Orphanage once a month, every month in the year, and keep it up as a regular system, we can make all needed improvements and meet the daily wants of the Home. It is suggested that when Churches and Sunday schools observe Thanksgiving, a collection be taken for the benefit of the Home.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We cannot conclude this report without acknowledging our sincere thanks and gratitude to Rev. J. W. Stewart, our Financial Secretary, to whose labors of love and patient oversight of the affairs of the Home, we are indebted more than all else for its successful management.

We are also under many obligations to the Railroads throughout the State for courtesies extended, and especially to the L. & N. R. R. for its liberality in hauling lumber and other freights free of charge.

We are also under special obligations to our brethren owning mills in our section of the State for contributions of lumber and building materials.

We are indebted to The Walker, Evans & Cogswell Company, Stationers, of Charleston, S. C., for the gift of a record, in which under appropriate headings we keep a history of each child for future reference.

We are under obligations to the Alabama Baptist for its uniform kindness in publishing all notices requested by the Board, and to the secular papers for many favors cheerfully shown us when requested.

Lastly, we acknowledge with profound gratitude the untiring

and unselfish labors of our noble pastors throughout the State in keeping the claims of the Orphanage prominently before their people.

A detailed statement of our finances will appear in the report of the Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FARNHAM,  
*President Board of Trustees.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LOUISE SHORT BAPTIST WIDOWS' AND  
ORPHANS' HOME OF ALABAMA.

To amount on hand November 1, 1895.....	\$ 181 83
“ “ received from all sources.....	5251 99
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	\$5433 82
CREDIT.	
By amount paid balance on land note.....	\$2233 33
“ “ “ current and general expenses... ..	3055 76
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	\$5289 09
Balance on hand .....	\$ 144 73

JNO. W. STEWART,  
*Financial Secretary Baptist Orphanage.*

I have examined the Books and find them correct,  
Nov. 5, 1896. J. W. CROOK.

14. The Secretary of the Convention read

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention held in Selma on May 29th, 1896, which was called at the request of the Board of Trustees of Howard College to do what is possible to save the property of Howard College from sale under mortgage, advertised to be made June 22, 1896, the following address to the Baptists and the friends of education was adopted. to-wit:

“The Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, responding to the request of the Board of Trustees of Howard College to do what is possible to save Howard College property from sale under mortgage, advertised to be made June 22, 1896, appeal to all Baptists and to the friends of education everywhere,

to come to the rescue of the College. Appeal is made to all the churches and to the pastors to organize for the purpose of raising money to pay off the mortgage debt for which the College property is to be sold.

A ministerial student in the College, the pastor of a few country churches, undertakes to raise one dollar per member in his churches. Can not this be done in all the churches? In addition to what may be done in and by the churches, are there not many persons who will make liberal gifts for this purpose? It is stated by the convention treasurer that more than sixteen thousand dollars subscribed to pay this debt remain unpaid. It is hoped that the friends who made these subscriptions will at once repair the damage resulting from their failure, by prompt payment.

2. The Board of Trustees of Howard College is commissioned to at once enter upon the work of organizing the people for this effort, that there may be one grand united movement all along the line to lift Howard College out of its difficulties.

In the meanwhile, let there be no delay, but let the people everywhere begin the work to organize, to collect and to pay.

The Baptists of Alabama have never done their best; now is the time to do their best.

3. It is desired to raise from \$30,000 to \$40,000, and we must and can raise it. This must be done, or as to this great work Alabama Baptists must write, 'FAILURE.' "

The Board also met in Selma in July, and a quorum was present. In the absence of the President, Bro. H. S. D. Mallory was called to the chair and Bro. A. J. Dickinson was made temporary Secretary.

It being made known to the Board that the brethren at Greensboro, Alabama, desired to have exchanged the lot which was purchased last year by the Alabama Baptist State Convention for a lot near the court-house in Greensboro, now owned by D. W. and Sydney Taylor, and said D. W. and Sydney Taylor having offered to exchange their lot for the Convention lot on a basis of value of \$1,000 for the Convention lot and \$2,000 for the Taylor lot, and it appearing that the said Taylor lot is a more desirable lot for church purposes than the one now owned by the Convention, it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the Board purchase from said D. W. and Sydney Taylor, for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, their

said lot, at and for the sum of \$2,000, and sell them the lot in Greensboro now belonging to said Convention, at and for the sum of \$1,000, and that said D. W. and Sydney Taylor assume as a part of the purchase money the \$500 note due October 1st, 1896, given to Bro. W. B. Crumpton as a balance of purchase money of said lot to Alice Royal, and that said Convention assume to pay as a part of said \$2,000 purchase money the \$1,100 mortgage debt due on said Taylor lot, provided the payment of the same be extended to January 1, 1897, with privilege of paying at any time, and execute its note to the City National Bank of Selma for \$400 for that amount of money borrowed from said bank to make a cash payment on said Taylor property, to take up a second mortgage of that amount now on the same; and it is further

*Resolved*, That this Board, by W. C. Cleveland, President thereof, execute for and in the name of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a deed to said D. W. and Sydney Taylor to said property sold them as above set forth, and that a deed to said Convention be at the same time obtained from them for the lot sold by them to the Convention.

The acts of the Board of Directors were by vote ratified by the convention.

#### 15. The Secretary of the Convention read

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention,  
Huntsville, Ala.:*

Below I beg to submit my annual report as Treasurer for the year ending November 6, 1896:

#### HOWARD COLLEGE BUILDING.

1895.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Nov. 9.	To balance, last report.....	\$ 403 36
1896.		
Jan. 15.	To amount collected of sundry sub. notes.....	61 17
Mar. 9.	“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	912 50
Apr. 14.	“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	37 35
May 6.	“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	200 00
		<hr/>
		\$1,614 38

1896.		<i>Cr.</i>	
Jan. 8.	By amount paid Union Trust Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$1,300 00	
	By amount paid for exchange.....	2 60	
May 8.	By amount paid Union Trust Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.....	166 32	
	By amount paid $\frac{2}{3}$ taxes, etc., on Meade lots..	145 46	
			<u>\$1,614 38</u>

## HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

1895.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Nov. 9.	To balance on hand, last report.....	\$ 299 84	
1896.			
Feb. 6.	To collection account interest.....	9 85	
May 2.	“ “ “ principal.....	150 00	
	“ “ “ interest.....	46 00	
Nov. 5.	“ “ “ “ .....	40 00—\$ 545 69	
1896.		<i>Cr.</i>	

July 7.	By amount paid on account College catalogues.....	\$ 104 87	
	By amount paid for stamps.....	1 46—\$ 106 33	
Nov. 6.	Balance on hand.....	\$ 439 36	
	Amount now at interest on real estate.....	\$1,000 00	

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE F. ENSLEN, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

J. M. DAVIDSON, *Auditor.*

16. M. M. Wood, Statistical Secretary, submitted

## REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

I submit herewith my report of membership and finances, gathered from the minutes of the Associations for the year 1895.

I have not been able to secure the minutes of eleven of them, and the statistics of these are taken from the table in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

So many of the minutes were not received until May, 1896, that no effort was made to publish the report earlier.

I found that I could not comply with the request of the State

Board of Missions in its last Annual Report, for two reasons: First, to take the statistical table out of the minutes would destroy my file; second, to copy them was too expensive.

The increase in membership was: By baptism, 8,143; letter, 5,213; restoration, 1,214; other ways, 191. Total, 14,761. The decrease in membership was: By letter, 6,363; exclusion, 1,587; death, 975; erasure, 833. Total, 9,758. Net increase, 5,003.

Only one Association failed to report anything for Missions, nineteen for Ministerial Education, twenty-four for Home Expenses, and twenty-six for Orphans' Home, while only eight made a report of work done by Ladies', Young People's and Children's Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WOOD,  
*Statistical Secretary.*

17. R. G. Seymour, Bible Secretary of American Baptist Publication Society, addressed the Convention.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

18. The President announced the following special committees to report at this session, to-wit:

*Collections*—A. B. Johnston, H. L. Martin, A. L. Moody.

*Nominations*—G. R. Farnham, W. G. Curry, J. A. Glenn, J. H. Foster, jr., W. A. Hobson.

*Sunday Services*—J. L. Sproles, W. W. Harris, R. E. Pettus, G. W. Ellis, G. D. O'Rear.

*Time and Place*—J. F. Averyt, F. M. Woods, J. O. A. Pace.

19. J. H. Curry read

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We congratulate the Convention on the successful prosecution of the work assigned to the State Board during the Convention year now closed.

We recommend that the Convention adopt such measures as

may be necessary to refund all money paid to Alabama students from the Students' Fund of the Seminary.

J. H. CURRY,  
C. W. O'HARA,  
A. B. CAMPBELL,  
H. C. HURLEY,  
C. S. RABB.

(See items 20, 29, 30 and 31.)

20. Jos. Shackelford presented

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the State Board of Missions as found in its report made to this Convention, report as follows:

1. We recommend that the State Board of Missions consist of 21 members, that five shall be a quorum, that at least seven of the Board shall be brethren who live in, or in the vicinity of, Montgomery, and that the Board be empowered to fill vacancies occurring during the current year for that year.

2. We concur in the second recommendation of the Board concerning the appointment of "as many evangelists as there can be reasonable hope of sustaining."

3. We also concur in the third recommendation of the Board as to the duty of the evangelists to "look after all denominational interests in the territory to which they may be assigned."

4. As to the fourth recommendation, we do not think it wise to change our mode of work, and recommend that we continue to co-operate with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards as we have heretofore done, and prosecute the work of missions by the agencies of the State Board as heretofore.

5. We approve the fifth recommendation as to the appointment of a Board of Ministerial Education to consist of seven members to be located at East Lake, with five as a quorum.

Respectfully submitted;

JOS. SHACKELFORD,  
J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
M. M. WOOD.  
S. P. LINDSEY,  
J. V. DICKINSON,  
A. W. MCGAHA,  
W. L. WHITE.



The Convention was addressed on "Evangelistic Work" by S. O. Y. Ray; on "The General Work of the Board" by W. C. Bledsoe; on "Ministerial Education" by W. H. Whitsitt; and regarding the "Greensboro Church Building" by A. R. Hardy and W. B. Crumpton.

The general subject of the work of the State Board of Missions was thus brought before the Convention, and with the subject pending, an adjournment was had. (See items 19, 29, 30 and 31.)

### FRIDAY NIGHT.

21. J. B. Lovelace, President of Board of Trustees, read

#### REPORT OF THE JUDSON TRUSTEES.

*To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

The Judson closed its fifty-eighth annual session on the 4th of June, 1896. There were in attendance 106 pupils, of whom 75 were boarders. Eleven teachers, representing all the departments of a finished education, were employed. Two officers of the Home department, with the President, had charge of the home life of the boarding pupils.

It is our pleasure to report that the Judson, according to the last annual report of the President, and our own observation, never had a more satisfactory session. In this report we find the following statement: "The general work of the school has been conducted most happily for all diligent pupils, and the school life has been of such a character as to sustain an unusual degree of enthusiasm among both teachers and pupils. In the correspondence with the patrons, I do not remember a single complaint that is worthy of mention, and not one that has not been fully satisfied." We would direct attention also to the continuous religious interest among the pupils during the entire session, at the close of which the remarkable announcement was made by the President that there were only two boarding pupils who had not made a public profession of faith, and that the daily lives of the young ladies had been beautiful.

We are glad to report that the buildings, furniture and musical instruments, after having received some needed improvements, are in excellent condition.

In regard to the mortgage debt, we report that the amount is the same as it was last year, and that the interest due to the 15th of October, 1896, has been paid, with the exception of four hundred and eighty dollars.

During the summer months an unusually vigorous canvass for patronage was made. The same difficulty was experienced as in former years, in competing with schools that have no fixed charges for tuition and board, and no fixed standards of scholarship for graduation. The well-known policy of the Judson was adhered to, the reasonable rates were maintained, and the high standard of scholarship was not sacrificed. We regard it as a high tribute to the institution, that, despite the unfavorable circumstances, the number of pupils from abroad is larger than for years. The total number of pupils enrolled up to this time is 121, of whom 86 are from a distance. We believe that the Judson stands better in the estimation of the public than at any time for many years. And this statement is based upon the best of evidence:

I. The increased patronage;

II. The largely increased demand for Judson graduates as teachers in the best public and private schools in this and other States;

III. One of the leading educators of Alabama, who has been canvassing the State for twenty-five years, says: "The Judson is more popular with the people, and its high order of work is better appreciated, than I have ever known it to be."

It is our sad duty to announce that since the last meeting of the Convention our loved and honored President has been called to his reward. The death of President Averett, at the summit of his usefulness, has brought great sorrow to us as a Board of Trustees, to the Judson Faculty and students, as well as to the Baptists of our State, and to the friends of education everywhere. In his departure from this earthly life, the Judson has lost a President who performed the responsible and delicate duties of his high position with signal ability and with eminent satisfaction to the Board of Trustees and the patrons of the school. The Convention will no doubt take appropriate action, in view of his valuable services to the denomination as a friend and patron of

the higher education of women, as the Board of Trustees has already done in the resolutions which have been published in the Alabama Baptist.

While mourning the loss of our late President, the Trustees rejoice to report that, under the clear pointings of Divine Providence, as they believe, they have elected Rev. Robert G. Patrick to be his successor. In the judgment of the Board he is eminently qualified to perform the important duties of this high position. Under his administration as temporary President, and since he has entered upon his duties as permanent President, the affairs of the institution have been conducted with entire satisfaction to the Trustees, teachers and pupils. We heartily commend him as one well fitted for this position, being an A. B. of Furman University and a full graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a teacher and pastor of several years' experience; and we bespeak for him the cordial co-operation and active support of the denomination.

At this session of your body it will be necessary to fill the following vacancies, which have occurred during the year: J. S. Knight, Esq., and H. A. Haralson, Esq., resigned, and Rev. W. B. Crumpton, removed to Kentucky.

J. B. LOVELACE,

*President Board of Trustees.*

T. T. DAUGHDRILL, *Secretary.*

Marion, Ala., Nov. 3, 1896.

22. The Convention sermon was preached by W. M. Burr, from Hebrews 5:9; "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

23. The Convention was addressed on the subject of Foreign Missions by Arthur J. Barton, Assistant Corresponding Secretary, and W. D. Powell, a missionary in Mexico. (See item 32.)

24. An invitation to visit the State Normal and Industrial School at Normal from W. H. Councill, President, was read, and a committee appointed to accept the same, composed of J. B. Lovelace, A. B. Campbell and I. A. White.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

25. Devotional exercises were led by W. D. Hubbard.

26. A telegram was read from John Bass Shelton for Alabama students at Seminary: "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all:" 2 Thess. 3:16. By direction of the Convention, the Secretary replied: "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things:" 2 Tim. 2:7.

27. The interests of Howard College were discussed by J. L. M. Curry, P. T. Hale and B. D. Gray, and subscriptions were made to the debt of the College, and a watch was given by J. O. A. Pace, which was redeemed by the Convention with a cash contribution of \$53.75 and returned to him.

28. On motion of S. O. Y. Ray, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby expressed to Brethren B. D. Gray, P. T. Hale and W. A. Hobson for the noble work they have done and are doing for our college, and also to their churches for releasing them.

29. The subject of State Missions was further considered and discussed by A. E. Burns, A. B. Johnston, S. O. Y. Ray and M. M. Wood. (See items 19, 20, 30, 31.)

30. The report submitted on the State Board of Missions' report (item 19) was discussed by J. Shackelford, W. H. Whitsitt, W. B. Crumpton, J. L. Thompson, W. C. Bledsoe, A. B. Campbell and J. H. Curry; and on motion of George B. Eager, the recommendation was stricken out, and the second clause made to read, "The attention of the Board of Ministerial Education to be created at this Convention is called to a deficit due on account of Alabama students to the Students' Fund of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary," and the report was then adopted.

31. The report of the special committee on Recommendations in report of State Board of Missions (item 20) was considered *seriatim* and adopted, with an amendment to first paragraph, offered by Geo. B. Eager, reading: "And that the Board be empowered to fill vacancies occurring during the current year for that year."

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#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

32. J. H. Foster, jr., read

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Like every other great and continuous movement, that of Foreign Missions is not without its seasons of prosperity and enthusiasm, and its times of hardship and apathy. While the outlook at present is not what the ardent missionary desires, there is nothing to daunt or discourage true workers. According to reliable statistics, there is at present much more given for the cause of Foreign Missions than at any other period of the world's history. This would clearly indicate a continuous, decided and growing interest. May we not earnestly hope, and have we not ample cause to expect and believe, that such interest will increasingly grow until the great work of preaching the gospel to all the nations shall have been consummated? This is certainly the greatest work ever entrusted to mortals.

But this report is to address itself to Foreign Mission work fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention. During the last Convention year God in his providence did graciously bless the work of our Board in the Foreign Mission fields. From our missionaries came the glad tidings of seven hundred and thirty-five baptisms, the largest number reported in the history of our work.

And yet, with so <sup>1</sup>gracious a token of God's approval and blessing, a million and a-half of Southern Baptists gave last year the pitiable sum of \$102,056.15. This failed to meet the expenditures of the Board by \$2,052.75, thus increasing the indebtedness to \$26,092.89. Of the amount contributed for Foreign Missions by the constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention, one hundred and thirteen thousand Alabama Baptists gave \$6,696.33. Brethren, will we not do grandly better this year?

In the providence of God, the banks refuse to lend our Board any more money with which to prosecute its work. This necessitates prompt responses on the part of the churches to the needs of the Board, or our work of Foreign Missions must meet with curtailment, retrenchment and disaster. The demands are of the most imperative character. It is the sincere belief of your Committee, that God has thrown the obligation to sustain this department of our mission work, and the necessity of prompt action, immediately and directly upon the churches, for their own good and His glory. As to how well and faithfully they will respond, time alone will tell.

As accurately as we may give, the statistical table for 1895-1896 shows the following:

S. B. C. MISSIONS.	Missionaries.	Native Helpers.	Churches....	Baptisms....	Members....
Africa .....	6	8	6	51	247
Brazil .....	11	8	14	273	783
China .....	41	44	19	152	1,266
Italy .....	3	28	21	79	430
Japan .....	6	4	1	3	40
Mexico.....	19	18	37	177	1,035
Total.....	86	110	98	735	3,801

Thus we have quite a little army on the field of battle. God is with them, and is blessing them with signal victories. Others are saying: "Here am I; send me." In this cause, where noble lives are sacrificed; in this cause of tears and prayers, of toil and agonizing, of blood and anxious crying; in this cause involving obedience to God, and the salvation of immortal souls; in this cause for which God gave his only son, and the Lord Jesus gave his life—is it not a tearful pity, a woeful neglect, a sad commentary that the redeemed of the Lord should allow to stand in the way of its progress, their failure to honor God

with their money as they should? Is there no remedy for the condition?

Let all the pastors supply themselves with missionary magazines, journals and general missionary literature, and encourage the people to do the same. We especially recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the mission literature sent out under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. These are sources of invaluable information at very small cost. For the first, address *Foreign Mission Journal*, Richmond, Va.; for the latter, address Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, 9 West Lexington street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Let the pastors teach their people on the subject of missions, show them their obligation to give the gospel to the world, and encourage them to give of their means to this end. Let contributions be made early in the year, to save interest on borrowed money.

Let every one who believes in missions, and prays and gives for such a noble cause, influence every other one possible to do likewise. Thus the multitudes of God's people at home will be aroused, God's chosen abroad will be saved, the commission of Christ to disciple the nations will be consummated, and the crowning day will dawn with effulgent glory.

The signs of the times in the Chinese-Japanese war, and in the visit to America of that great Chinese statesman Li Hung Chang, indicate that China, the great heathen empire of the world, is becoming more and more accessible to our missionaries and susceptible to the gracious influences of the blessed gospel. The gateways to the nations of the earth are opened. Consecrated men and women are saying: "I will go; send me." Let us open our purses and send them. Then in obedience to God we can open our hearts and pray the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers. When we really pray we will rightly give. There was never a command so thrilling, or a commission so far-reaching, as that of the risen Christ to his humble followers to disciple the nations. It is world-wide in meaning, fraught with stupendous responsibility and with dazzling honor to the Christian worker, and is enforced by all the combined authority of heaven and earth. Will we obey it? God help us to faithfully try.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD S. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted. (See item 23.)

33. The Report on Sunday Schools was read by W. S. Brown, and after discussion by J. M. Frost, M. M. Wood, W. C. Bledsoe, Lealis Law and Z. D. Roby, it was recommitted. (See item 47.)

34. W. W. Harris read

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions demands and should receive the support of every lover of his country and his Lord. There is not another object which appeals to Christian hearts, more important more imperative than that of carrying the gospel to the destitute and neglected of our own land. The future welfare of our own beloved Southland depends upon the prosecution, very largely, of Home Missions. The character of our country, the growth and efficiency of our denomination, and the extension of the cause of Christ, are all involved in this great enterprise. There are other reasons why we should engage most heartily in Home Missions.

These reasons grow out of the bearing of Home Mission work upon the evangelization of the world. Foreign and Home Missions are linked together. The work of Home Missions looks mainly to the redemption, not only of our own land, but to the world. Let us give our thoughtful attention to a few considerations, which will be evident.

First, it cannot be doubted that the Anglo-Saxon race is to-day the leading race of the world. During the last hundred years, no other race has made such rapid progress or won such triumphs. These people have swarmed out of their original homes in England and Germany to all parts of the world. The English language is everywhere spoken, and the influence of the Anglo-Saxon's life is everywhere felt. America is the chief centre and home of this dominant race, and it appears to have been the purpose of God to reserve this continent as the training ground for his great forces. How profoundly important it is that this land of ours, containing within itself so much of possibility for the world's good, should be won to Christ. The evangelization of America is a long stride toward the evangelization of other nations and races.

Second, the supplies for foreign work will be greatly increased if the work of Home Missions is successfully prosecuted. Our fathers felt the force of this fact. In point of time, Foreign Missions preceded Home Missions, but those who established



Foreign Missions soon saw that if the work of carrying the gospel to the regions afar was to be maintained, there must be corresponding work at home.

Third, neither should it be forgotten that many from these Home Mission churches became the standard-bearers abroad. Powell, of Mexico, and Clough, the apostle to the Telegus, are fruits of the Home Mission Board. These facts, and many others, are patent to every thoughtful man, and should inspire all to greater action. The work of the Board from its organization in 1845 has been gratifying beyond measure.

During the existence of the Board, about one-eighth of all the white churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have been established by it. In the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and the Indian Territory there are four thousand seven hundred and forty-three churches. It is safe to say that one-eighth of these churches have been constituted or materially aided by missionaries of the Home Mission Board. It is evident that the labors of our missionaries this year have been attended by the influence of the Holy Spirit. Only once before, in all its history, has the Board been able to report such results. There have been employed by the Board this year four hundred and eleven missionaries, and they have baptized five thousand six hundred and seventeen converts, an average of thirteen and a-half to each missionary.

The receipts for the year have been seventy-five thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven dollars. Making the calculation, we find that for every thirteen dollars and fifty cents expended by the Home Board, one soul is saved.

The average missionary of the Home Board preaches to five congregations, and averages two sermons a week every year. He attends forty prayer meetings, baptizes seventeen believers, and receives fifteen by letter. He organizes one Sunday School, and every third year he organizes two, into which he gathers forty pupils and teachers. He makes one hundred and sixty visits, constitutes one church every two years, and builds a house of worship every three years, costing, with lot, \$900. He gives away six Bibles and Testaments, and three thousand tracts. He costs the denomination \$300 per annum. The house of worship he builds every third year adds to the wealth of the denomination a sum equal to his entire support.

Let us ramble over the fields of the Home Mission Board for a few minutes and see what is being done:

Nearly half of the missionaries of the Board are working

on the frontier of Texas, in the Indian Territory and in Oklahoma. Result—1,859 baptisms.

Its work among the Germans in Baltimore, Washington City, Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, the interior towns in Missouri, Texas, the French in Louisiana and Missouri, and the Mexicans in Texas and in New Mexico, is very encouraging.

The work in Cuba is materially impeded by the war, which is now staining the "Gem of the Antilles" with human blood; but we trust that in a very short time those people will have liberty of soul and body. At the present, our Cuban missionaries are occupied at Key West and Tampa, Florida, where they are doing excellent work among the thousands of their native brothers residing there.

As a result of the work done among the native white population in the mountain region of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, three thousand four hundred and sixty-four have been baptized. The work of the Board in New Orleans, Jackson, Miss., Baltimore, Washington, Nashville and Memphis is gratifying. The co-operative work among the negroes has been successfully inaugurated in the States of Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. It is also doing some independent work among the negroes in Georgia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The report so far has been very encouraging, but there are a few potent facts to which we invite the attention of the brethren especially:

First: By the earnest efforts of the Board last year to save from disaster enterprises which had been projected by our brethren, and to retain and pay in full all of the missionaries, a debt of eight thousand dollars was incurred.

Second: That while financially this has been the hardest year of the Board, the peculiar conditions have made it harder for the Home Board than any other of the Boards. Let us well consider the fact and help the Board by our prayers and money. The times will not be so hard if our hearts are softer. The showers that fall upon the high mountains should glide in the lowest valleys.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HARRIS,  
*Chairman Committee.*

The Convention was addressed by I. T. Tichenor, and the report adopted.

35. On motion of Geo. B. Eager, it was

*Resolved*, That, by a rising vote, the Convention express its appreciation of the precious gospel message received in the Convention sermon by the lips of our brother, W. M. Burr, and that we request the same for publication in *The Alabama Baptist*.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT.

36. Devotional exercises were conducted by A. R. Hardy.

37. The Convention was addressed by W. H. Whitt on "The Higher Education of Girls," Vice-President B. D. Gray in the chair.

38. R. G. Patrick, President of Judson Institute, addressed the Convention on matters concerning his work.

39. A. B. Campbell spoke on Woman's Work.

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### SUNDAY.

40. The pulpits of the city were occupied, as follows:

#### *First Baptist Church:*

11 A. M.—B. D. Gray.

7 P. M.—J. D. Jordan.

#### *Dallas Avenue:*

7 P. M. Saturday—T. M. Callaway.

11 A. M.—W. A. Hobson.

7 P. M.—Geo. B. Eager.

#### *Whitman's Chapel:*

3 P. M.—H. L. Martin.

#### *First M. E. Church:*

11 A. M.—John D. Jordan.

7 P. M.—A. B. Campbell.

#### *Rison's Chapel:*

11 A. M.—J. H. Foster, jr.

7 P. M.—A. J. Barton.

*First Presbyterian Church:*

11 A. M.—Geo. B. Eager.

*First Cumberland Church:*

11 A. M.—J. V. Dickinson.

*Second Cumberland Church:*

11 A. M.—W. A. Whittle,

4 P. M.—A. J. Thames.

*Normal:*

10:30 A. M.—James F. Edens.

2:30 P. M.—I. T. Tichenor.

7:00 P. M.—W. B. Crumpton.

*Jail:*

3 P. M.—John W. Stewart.

*Sunday School First Baptist Church:*

9:30 A. M.—Address: F. J. Paxon.

*Sunday School Dallas Avenue:*

9:30 A. M.—Address: W. B. Crumpton.

*African Methodist Church:*

11 A. M.—S. O. Y. Ray.

7 P. M.—H. L. Martin,

41. At 3 P. M., Jno. D. Jordan and T. M. Callaway addressed the Convention on Young People's Work, Vice-President B. D. Gray presiding.

42. The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The Convention was addressed on the subject by J. H. Foster, jr., Geo. B. Eager, A. B. Johnston, Josephus Shackelford; and, on motion of W. C. Cleveland, the report was laid on the table. (See item 53.)

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MONDAY MORNING.

43. Devotional exercises were led by the President.

44. Standing Committees were announced as they appear on second page of cover.

45. The Secretary read the

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations recommend that the following persons be chosen for the places suggested for each:

*State Board of Missions*—To succeed those whose terms expire in 1896: Geo. B. Eager, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Cleveland, P. T. Hale, W. J. Elliott, W. G. Curry, J. P. Shaffer; and A. B. Campbell in place of J. A. French, resigned.

*Howard Trustees*—W. G. Curry in place of W. B. Crumpton, resigned; John T. Davis in place of J. A. French, resigned.

*Judson Trustees*—R. E. Pettus in place of W. B. Crumpton, resigned; E. O. Fowlkes in place of J. S. Knight, resigned; Ernest Lamar in place of H. A. Haralson, resigned.

*Delegates to American Baptist Education Society*—P. T. Hale, Geo. B. Eager, A. J. Dickinson, J. H. Foster, jr., J. J. Taylor, A. B. Campbell, T. L. Jones, H. S. D. Mallory, Wm. A. Davis, J. G. Harris, G. R. Farnham.

*Board of Ministerial Education*—W. A. Hobson, W. R. Sawyer, M. M. Wood, W. M. Blackwelder, A. B. Johnston, E. F. Enslin, C. C. Jones.

*Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention*—Jonathan Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, J. G. Harris, Wm. A. Davis, F. S. Moody, W. D. Fonville, Jos. Shackelford, J. G. Apsey, R. G. Patrick, A. W. Bell, P. T. Hale, Geo. B. Eager, A. J. Dickinson, J. H. Foster, jr., J. J. Taylor, A. B. Campbell, T. L. Jones, G. R. Farnham, C. J. Bentley, W. M. Blackwelder, L. M. Bradley, J. W. Stewart, Geo. E. Brewer, A. E. Burns, W. M. Burr, T. M. Callaway, S. J. Catts, W. A. Hobson, J. D. Cook, B. F. Giles, B. H. Crumpton, J. H. Curry, J. W. Dickinson, J. G. Dickinson, J. V. Dickinson, L. O. Dawson, B. T. Eley, W. J. Elliott, D. W. Ramsey, J. M. Fortune, S. P. Lindsey, W. D. Gay, J. P. Shaffer, G. S. Anderson, Z. D. Roby, J. L. Sproles, A. A. Hutto, C. S. Johnson, C. W. O'Hara, J. A. Glenn, P. B. Brown.

We report 51 names, the number to which Alabama was entitled in Class 1 in 1896, and recommend that the Secretary of State Board of Missions fill vacancies and add to number, if entitled to more.

The remainder of the report appears in proper places on second page of cover.

## 46. The Secretary read

## REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

The Committee on Time and Place suggest the East Lake Church, at East Lake, as the place, and Friday before second Sunday in November, 1897, as the time, for next session; the introductory sermon to be preached by A. B. Campbell, with W. G. Curry as alternate; and the program to be reported by a Committee composed of W. A. Hobson, B. D. Gray, P. T. Hale, M. M. Wood and W. M. Blackwelder. (The same committee to report a program for a Ministers' Meeting on day preceding Convention.)

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. AVERYT,

F. M. WOODS,

J. O. A. PACE,

*Committee.*

S. O. Y. Ray nominated Troy as the place, and J. W. Stewart Evergreen, and Z. D. Roby Opelika. After remarks by S. P. Lindsey, A. W. McGaha, W. A. Hobson, A. B. Campbell, and C. S. Rabb, the various amendments were rejected, and the report adopted.

47. The Report on Sunday Schools was amended in two particulars, on motions made by B. D. Gray and Lealis Law, and adopted, as follows:

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee on Sunday Schools begs leave to report:

The Sunday School should be more generally recognized by all our churches and associations in its true light, as the very taproot of our church life and growth.

The available statistics of our Sunday Schools are too meager and incomplete. We would recommend that all clerks of churches and associations report fuller statistics, in order to enable the Statistical Secretary to collect and tabulate the necessary Sunday School statistics.

We also think it as being equally important that there be held in each of our associations Sunday School conventions or teachers' institutes, with the preachers' institutes we now have. These might easily be combined, and made more useful.

The literature of our Sunday School Board still commands our confidence, and we urge a greater and more extended use of the printed page in our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BROWN,  
*Chairman Committee.*

(See item 33.)

48. Josephus Shackelford read

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

This Convention has repeatedly given an expression of its views on the subject of temperance with no uncertain sound. It has, from time to time, urged upon the members of our denomination their duty to exert their influence against the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, by the members of our churches. It has again and again, by reports and resolutions, declared for the prohibition of the liquor traffic in our State. Your committee would reaffirm the declarations of this Convention upon this subject, and would urge it to continue its efforts to do away with the iniquitous and accursed liquor traffic, which is the prolific source of want, misery and crime, a burden to our people, and a disgrace and crime to humanity.

While we do not presume to dictate to our churches as to what they shall do with their members who drink to excess, visit and patronize saloons, and sign liquor petitions, yet we would, in a spirit of fraternal love, most earnestly advise them to withdraw fellowship from all who, after admonition and warning, persist in that course.

We believe that the temperance sentiment is increasing among our people. Prohibition is gaining ground in our State and throughout the United States. In the South, especially, the temperance movement is advancing. Arkansas and Mississippi are taking high grounds upon this question. They are going ahead under their local prohibition laws, and gaining new territory rapidly. Every county in Mississippi along the line of the Illinois Central R. R., stretching from the Tennessee line to Louisiana, is a prohibition county. Over one-half of the counties in Arkansas are under prohibitory laws; and it is quite probable that at the session of the Legislature of that State a prohibitory law for the whole State will be enacted, which will doubtless

receive the approval of the governor, who before his election indicated his willingness to sign such a law. South Carolina has its dispensary law, which has done away with the saloons, although it has not done away with the sale of intoxicating liquors. In Georgia it is very probable that a similar law will be passed by the present Legislature. We have every reason to be encouraged with what has been accomplished by the friends of temperance in our own and in other States. It only needs an active and persevering effort upon the part of all the temperance people in Alabama, to cover nearly all of the State with prohibitory laws.

The large towns and cities seem to be the most difficult places to reach, and yet, your committee believe that these can be reached, and the sale of intoxicating liquors driven out of them, if all professed Christians will do their duty. The liquor traffic and Christianity are antagonistic, therefore all who profess to be Christians should be opposed to it, and should throw their influence against it. The churches of Jesus Christ ought to be potent factors in getting rid of the monster evil of intemperance, not by bringing it into politics, or encouraging the organization of a political party on the issue of Prohibition, but by the moral influence which their members, as citizens and professed Christians, can exert upon the law-making powers of the State, and by seeing that the prohibitory laws enacted shall be executed, as well as the laws against public drunkenness.

This influence can be exerted by Christians for temperance, and against intemperance, and its most powerful ally, the saloon, in the following different ways:

1. By abstaining from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, themselves;
2. By refusing to sign whiskey petitions;
3. By refusing to rent their houses for liquor shops;
4. By refusing to vote for any man for office who is an habitual dram-drinker or drunkard and who patronizes the saloon.

Our churches can throw the weight of their influence in favor of temperance by firmly demanding that their members shall abstain from using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and shall refuse to sign whiskey petitions, or rent their houses to whiskey sellers for saloons. With the moral influence thus exerted by individual Christians, and churches, we will soon drive the accursed traffic out of our State, and as a result drunkenness will be greatly diminished.

Let us as Christians and as citizens use our influence to accomplish this most desirable result.



We recommend that any member of this Convention who is present at Washington, D. C., at the National Anti-Saloon Convention on December 8-10, 1896, be authorized to represent this Convention in that body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. SHACKELFORD,  
*Chairman.*

After remarks by J. Shackelford and C. S. Rabb, the report was adopted.

49. On motion of Geo. B. Eager, it was

*Resolved*, That the Convention recognizes with approval the effort making to prepare and publish some suitable memorial of Dr. S. W. Averett, the late beloved President of the Judson Institute, who died at his post during the current year, and authorizes the publication of said memorial in the name of the Judson Institute and the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

50. A communication from the Evangelical Alliance for the United States proposing Tuesday, November 17th, as a day of prayer and conference, was, on motion of Lealis Law, laid on the table.

51. On motion of R. E. Pettus, it was

*Resolved*, That an expression of appreciation and gratitude be extended by this Convention to the authorities at Washington for taking such prompt action, when called upon by the brotherhood of this country, in having our honored and beloved Diaz liberated last spring from his unjust incarceration by his enemies in Cuba.

*Resolved, further*, That we will pray the Father that ere long peace may reign in that island, and that He will permit Brother Diaz to return and resume the work he has begun and so successfully prosecuted there.

52. On motion of J. L. Thompson, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the members of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., and the citizens of the city who have so hospitably entertained the Convention, and to the railroads for reduced fare to

delegates, and to the press for full reports, and to the faithful pages, Masters Wallace Hall, Eugene Bliss, Marcy Duncan, Percy Burns, and Herman Neece.

53. The report on Sabbath Observance, item 42, was taken from the table, and a substitute offered therefor by W. A. Whittle. After discussion by Geo. B. Eager, J. Shackelford, J. V. Dickinson, and A. B. Johnston, a substitute offered by Z. D. Roby was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Convention would call the special attention of our churches to the strong, widespread and growing tendency of our times to ignore the sanctity of the Lord's day. As a great Christian denomination we are solemnly bound to do what we can to arrest this evil tendency, but, in this, as in all else, let us be exceedingly careful to act in strict accordance with Scripture teachings. Let us not do evil that good may come. There is danger of applying a proposed remedy that might prove worse than the disease.

54. After benediction by W. M. Burr, the Convention adjourned.

W. C. CLEVELAND,

*President.*

WM. A. DAVIS,

*Secretary.*

## DELEGATES.

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### FROM CHURCHES.

- Albertville*—G. D. Pettit.  
*Anniston, Parker Memorial*—Wm. A. Davis, S. D. Sawyer,  
 J. H. Watters.  
*Avondale*—R. M. Hunter.  
*Birmingham, First*—B. D. Gray, A. B. Johnston, J. P. Phillips.  
 “ “ *Southside*—P. T. Hale.  
*Bridgeport*—W. M. Murray.  
*Columbia*—W. C. Cleveland.  
*Cook's Springs*—W. P. Lovell.  
*East Lake*—W. Y. Browning, W. A. Hobson, J. D. Jordan,  
 J. M. McCord, A. W. McGaha, W. A. Whittle.  
*Eufaula*—E. P. Lipscomb, W. N. Reeves.  
*Evergreen*—G. R. Farnham, S. P. Lindsey, C. S. Rabb, Jno.  
 W. Stewart.  
*Gadsden*—J. V. Dickinson.  
*Greenville*—W. D. Hubbard.  
*Greensboro*—A. R. Hardy.  
*Huntsville, Dallas Avenue*—R. P. Whitman.  
 “ “ *First*—J. P. Hampton, J. A. Hill.  
*Jasper*—H. C. Hurley.  
*Jemison*—F. M. Woods.  
*Livingston*—W. G. Curry.  
*Marion, Siloam*—J. B. Lovelace, R. G. Patrick.  
*Montgomery, Adams Street*—Geo. W. Ellis.  
 “ “ *Clayton Street*—J. L. Thompson.  
 “ “ *First*—Geo. B. Eager, W. J. Elliott, J. G. Harris  
*Opelika*—Z. D. Roby.  
*Pratt City*—M. M. Wood.  
*Shelby*—W. R. Craig.  
*Sylacauga*—C. S. Johnson.  
*Talladega*—J. D. Davis, jr.  
*Troy*—A. B. Campbell.  
*Tuscumbia*—A. J. Thames.

### FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

- Birmingham*—M. T. Branham.  
*Cahaba*—J. E. Barnes.  
*Cahaba Valley*—J. A. Glenn.

*American Baptist Publication Society*—F. J. Paxton, R. J. Seymour.  
*Christian Index*—J. F. Edens.  
*Foreign Mission Board*—A. J. Barton, W. D. Powell.  
*Georgetown College*—W. B. Crumpton.  
*Home Mission Board*—I. T. Tichenor.  
*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*—W. H. Whitsitt.  
*Sunday School Board*—J. M. Frost.  
*Washington, D. C.*—J. L. M. Curry.  
*Western Recorder*—W. P. Harvey.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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The Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama held its fourth annual meeting at the Methodist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, November 6, 1896, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., Mrs. L. F. Stratton, presiding.

In the absence of Mrs. I. C. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Mellen was appointed Secretary.

Opened by singing, "All Hail The Power."

Mrs. Clara W. Ansley, Evergreen, Ala., conducted devotional exercises.

The very touching and cordial address of welcome was made by Mrs. Carrie Burwell.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston, and Mrs. B. D. Gray, Birmingham, responded in behalf of the visiting ladies and the Central Committee.

Hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

The annual address was made by the President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, of Birmingham.

Annual report of Central Committee was read by Mrs. H. L. Mellen, as follows:

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

*President*—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

*Vice-President*—Mrs. B. D. Gray, Birmingham.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. Geo. M. Morrow, Birmingham.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. I. C. Brown, East Lake.

#### *Vice-Presidents:*

Antioch Association—Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin.

Bigbee Association—Mrs. H. L. Mellen.

Birmingham Association—Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Mrs. J. B. Aird.

Calhoun County Association—Mrs. O. M. Reynolds.

Central Association--Mrs. A. L. Harlan.  
 Columbia Association--Mrs. W. M. Burr.  
 Conecuh Association--Mrs. G. R. Farnham.  
 Elim Association--Mrs. R. L. Stewart.  
 Etowah Association--Mrs. J. H. Holcombe.  
 Eufaula Association--Mrs. J. E. Meadows.  
 Florence Association--Mrs. B. G. Eastburn.  
 Harris Association--Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls.  
 East Liberty Association--Mrs. J. M. Vernon.  
 Mineral Springs Association--Mrs. A. Barnwell.  
 Mobile Association--Miss Lida B. Robertson.  
 Newton Association--Mrs. A. N. Jones.  
 Selma Association--Miss Zaidee Ellis.  
 Shelby Association--Mrs. L. H. Lyman.  
 Tennessee River Association--Miss Maggie Beard.  
 Union Association--Mrs. S. E. Robertson.  
 Zion Association--Mrs. M. Riley.

#### REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee reports another successful year. The formation of new Societies, Sunbeam Bands and B. Y. P. Unions, and increased contributions, show a gratifying progress.

The number of Societies cannot be accurately given, but does not fall below 200 Mission and Aid Societies and 75 Young People's Societies.

The Week of Self-Denial, and the Christmas Offering, were observed. But the failure to designate the gift as a "Christmas Offering" made it appear to fall off \$200 from that of the year before. We beg that this may not occur again. Mark your contribution, "Christmas Offering for China," and it will be so reported.

The boxes sent to Frontier Missionaries, twenty-two in number, were valued at \$1,230. Letters from missionaries are now being distributed, and several valuable boxes have been already forwarded.

Our women have been liberal to the Foreign Mission debt and to Howard College.

The Foreign Mission Board asks for \$1,550. This includes the support of Miss Hartwell and Miss Kelly, the Christmas Offering, and all other gifts to Foreign Missions.

The Home Board asks for \$1,950. This includes value of boxes and all other gifts to Home Missions.

Letters and postals written.....	1,529
Letters and postals received.....	713
Leaflets distributed .....	6,000
Christmas envelopes distributed.....	3,000
Mission cards distributed.....	1,400
Mite barrels distributed.....	125

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. C. BROWN,  
*Corres. Secretary.*

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. M. Morrow, her report was read by Mrs. Mellen. (See page 15.)

Dr. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., spoke to the ladies about the work of the Sunday School Board.

Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Miss Dora Crook, of Alexandria, made a fine report from Calhoun County Association.

Mrs. J. B. Aird gave a very encouraging report from Birmingham Association.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen made a good report from the Bigbee Association.

A most earnest and interesting paper, "An Appeal to Mothers," was presented by Mrs. B. D. Gray.

Mrs. Stratton made a few remarks concerning the Central Committee expense fund. The following societies pledged ten cents per member: Pratt City, Anniston, Alexandria, Livingston, First Church, Birmingham; Southside, Birmingham.

Mrs. J. B. Aird emphasized the importance of sending boxes of clothing to the Frontier Missionaries.

After some announcements, Mrs. Stratton closed the meeting with prayer.

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## SECOND DAY.

The meeting opened at 9:30 o'clock, November 7, 1896.

Mrs. W. W. Harris, of Huntsville, conducted devotional exercises.

Hymn, "What a Friend."

Prayer by Mrs. M. B. Neece.

Address on State Missions, by Dr. W. C. Bledsoe.

Rev. A. J. Barton, Richmond, Va., presented the subject of Foreign Missions.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor spoke on Home Missions.

Rev. A. R. Hardy appealed for help for the church at Greensboro, Ala.

The Societies at Huntsville, Gadsden and Livingston agreed to send boxes to Frontier Missionaries.

Mrs. Clara Ansley made an interesting and encouraging report from the Orphanage at Evergreen.

Some facts of importance concerning the Orphanage were presented by Rev. J. W. Stewart.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage.

There was some discussion about trying to get a larger number of ladies to attend the annual meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Ansley, and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we extend sincere thanks to the pastor and members of the Methodist Church for the use of their delightful building; also, to the organist and choir for their inspiring music, to the pages for their service, and to the generous people of Huntsville for their kind hospitality.

A hymn was sung, and Mrs. L. F. Stratton closed the meeting with prayer.

MRS. L. F. STRATTON,

*President.*

MRS. HENRY L. MELLEN,

*Secretary.*



## LIST OF ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ALABAMA.

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[Please report needed corrections to the Statistical Secretary.]

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Abhatt, F. W., Pollard.	Bagwell, J. E., Arab.
Acker, Solomon, Fairview.	Baird, D. O., Coal Fire.
Adams, A., Hanceville.	Baker, W. G., Bankston.
Adams, N. F., Lay.	Baker, L. H., Toledo.
Adams, W. Y., Hokes Bluff.	Balch, Wm., Rep.
Adams, S. A., Jackson.	Bane, J. Y., Sidney.
Adams, S. M., Randolph.	Barbour, T. M., Tuscaloosa.
Adamson, S. M., Louina.	Barksdale, E. J., Blossberg.
Agee, W. A., Russellville.	Barnard, J. E., East Lake.
Akin, W. J., Winfield.	Barnes, J. E., Marion.
Allen, A. F., DeArmanville.	Barnett, J. R., Samantha.
Allen, R. M., Emuckfaw.	Barrett, J. M., Anniston.
Allen, Asa, Oxford.	Barrett, C. C., Jenifer.
Allen, D. C., Brundridge.	Baxter, Jno., Ironaton.
Allen, H., Arbacoochee.	Bartlett, J. T., Sand Rock.
Allen, W., Geneva.	Basham, J. A., Cullman.
Almon, W. U., Heflin.	Bates, J. W., Anniston.
Anders, J. H. M., Cokers.	Batson, A. J., Earnest.
Anderson, G. S., Auburn.	Beal, J. T., Northport.
Anderson, A., Cole.	Beatty, W. J., Kennedy.
Ausley, S. J., East Lake.	Bean, G. H., Ezra.
Appleton, J. B., Collinsville.	Beaver, A. W., Winfield.
Apsey, J. G., Eutaw.	Beeson, J. J., Pisgah.
Archer, P. M., Stanfield.	Bell, G. L., Jacksons Gap.
Archie, D. D., Madison X Roads.	Bell, V. A., Farill.
Armstrong, Aris, Headland.	Benson, R. K., Lower Peach Tree.
Armstrong, W. W., Wilsonville.	Bently, C. J., Louisville, Ky.
Arnold, R. B., Clopton.	Benton, G. D., Phoenix City.
Ashcraft, Wm., East Lake.	Bice, Isaac, Verbena.
Ashcraft, I. N.	Bice, J. C., Beaver Valley.
Ashcraft, R. C. A., Dangler.	Bielsh, L. C., Selma.
Aston, J. T., Attalla.	Billingsley, W. W., Billingsley.
Atkins, R. M., Double Springs.	Bird, Scott, Chulafinnee.
Atkinson, E. R., Decatur.	Bledsoe, W. C., D. D., Montgomery.
Avant, W. C., Rutledge.	Blunt, Jas., Ross.
	Blackwelder, W. M., Woodlawn.
Baber, E. F., Montgomery.	Blake, R. H., River Bend.

- Bell, G. W., New Decatur.  
 Boole, J. H., York.  
 Boothe, D. O., Deer Park.  
 Boozer, G. S., Mink.  
 Bowerman, E. M., Blountsville.  
 Bolling, John, Theo.  
 Bolen, James, Beaver Valley.  
 Boothe, W. H., Prattville.  
 Borroughs, E. P., Geraldine.  
 Bowles, L. H., Troy.  
 Bowline, J., Beaver Valley.  
 Bowling, J. W., Oleander.  
 Brackin, M., Brackin.  
 Bradford, I. F., Avoca.  
 Bradley, L. M., Brewton.  
 Bradley, John, Perdue.  
 Brannon, A. S., Camp Hill.  
 Bragg, T. R., Moulton.  
 Branham, M. T., Mt. Pinson.  
 Brasier, I. L., Sterrett.  
 Brewer, G. E., Opelika.  
 Bridges, H. H., Dry Cove.  
 Briscoe, W. J., Falkville.  
 Briscoe, M., Danville.  
 Brandley, G. L., Simcoe.  
 Brooks, H. E., Eufaula.  
 Brooks, A. J., Bay Minette.  
 Brooks, J. W., Huggins.  
 Brooks, W. C., Ashland.  
 Brooks, M., Victoria.  
 Brooks, E. M., Fresco.  
 Brothers, B. F., Talladega.  
 Brown, E. L., Jasper.  
 Brown, P., Hollywood.  
 Brown, S. P., Oxford.  
 Brown, W. S., Florence.  
 Brown, J. W., Vienna.  
 Brown, J. M., Boaz.  
 Brown, J. W., Strawberry.  
 Browning, W. Y., East Lake.  
 Buck, C. W., Salem.  
 Bulger, P. D., Lakeview.  
 Bullard, J. W., Level Plains.  
 Burden, C. J., Lafayette.  
 Burdeshaw, D. E., Kinsey.  
 Burns, A. E., Huntsville.  
 Burr, W. M., Dothan.  
 Burrell, T., Bremen.  
 Burrow, J. J., Oak Level.  
 Butts, J. A., Childersburg.  
 Burroughs, E. P., Whiton.  
 Burson, V. R., Oak Level.  
 Busbee, J. T., Jug.  
 Bynum, J. F., Escatawpa, Miss.  
 Byrd, Berry, Citronelle.  
 Cabaniss, J. W., Huckabee.  
 Cahall, W. L., Forest Home.  
 Cain, J. T., Central Mills.  
 Caldwell, J. R., Deatsville.  
 Calhoun, J. A., Spencer.  
 Callaway, T. M., Talladega.  
 Calloway, P. M., Newton.  
 Calloway, Pitt M., Jr., Newton.  
 Campbell, A. B., D.D., Troy.  
 Campbell, W. J., Chulafinnee.  
 Camp, T. A., Lamar.  
 Camp, C. D., Rockdale.  
 Camp, R. H., Old Town.  
 Carden, J. H. R., Weidon.  
 Carnes, G. B., Oneonta.  
 Carr, D. P., Boaz.  
 Carter, L. R., York.  
 Carter, W. B., East Lake.  
 Casey, J. L., Sidney.  
 Castleberry, P., Easonville.  
 Catts, S. J., Tuskegee.  
 Causey, J. L., Healing Springs.  
 Chadwick, J. T., Peters.  
 Chambers, L., Sand Mountain.  
 Champion, J. L., Dolomite.  
 Champion, J. E., Clear Creek.  
 Chandler, J. W., Eastaboga.  
 Chandler, W. N., Attalla.  
 Chaney, R. C., Easonville.  
 Chapman, J., Ider.  
 Chappell, H. B., Dillburg.  
 Cheatham, W. H., Greenville.  
 Cheatwood, B. A., Edwardsville.  
 Cheatwood, R. M., Jenkins.  
 Chism, J. M., Palmetto.  
 Choran, L. B., Bolling.  
 Chunn, G. A., Blountsville.  
 Churchwell, J. J., Argo.  
 Claiburn, W. M., Friendship.  
 Clark, T. J., Hailton.  
 Clayton, J. J., Sand Mountain.  
 Clements, J. B., Opelika.  
 Cleveland, W. C., D.D., Columbia.  
 Cline, J. H., Hickory Flat.  
 Cloud, J. J., Auburn.  
 Cobb, A. P., Hood.  
 Cobbs, W. T., Falkville.  
 Cochran, L. B., Chapman.  
 Coneld, J. E., Newell.  
 Cofield, W. P., Fredonia.  
 Cole, W., Gum Pond.  
 Coleburn, R., Eldridge.  
 Colley, J. H., David.  
 Collier, J., Adamsville.  
 Collier, S. T., Albertville.

- Collier, W. J., Hyatt.  
 Collins, D. S., Carnes.  
 Collins, I. L., Ridge.  
 Compton, H. C., Springville.  
 Comstock, O. E., Sheffield.  
 Cone, G. W., Bremen.  
 Conger, J. R., Hackneyville.  
 Conger, R. E., Hackneyville.  
 Connell, W. H., Six Mile.  
 Cook, C., Fredonia.  
 Cook, J. D., Clinton.  
 Cooper, J. B., Bluff Springs.  
 Cooper, J. C., Marble Valley.  
 Cooper, D. R., Whistler.  
 Cooper, Benjamin, Johnson.  
 Cooper, B. F., Irondale.  
 Corley, P. J., Joppa.  
 Cornelius, M. A., Maple Grove.  
 Couch, J. M.  
 Coulson, L. C., Scottsboro.  
 Cowart, D. C., Cowarts.  
 Cox, R. S., Northport.  
 Cox, G. W., Roanoke.  
 Cox, S. J., Gum Springs.  
 Cox, J. E., Fayette C. H.  
 Cox, R. A., Wynnville.  
 Cox, W. S., Jumbo.  
 Craig, L. P., Bessemer.  
 Craighead, T. B., Uniontown.  
 Crawford, E., Lutterell.  
 Crawford, W. I., Maynard's Grove.  
 Crawley, C., Indian Creek.  
 Cree, P. J., Sallie.  
 Creighton, J. H., Whatley.  
 Crider, John, Zidonia.  
 Cross, S. L., White Plains.  
 Crowder, C. J., Anniston.  
 Crumbly, J. W., Oneonta.  
 Crumpton, B. H., D. D., Bellville.  
 Crumpton, G. W., Columbiana.  
 Crutcher, N. D., Madison.  
 Culbertson, W. L., Attalla.  
 Culpepper, S. B., Alexander City.  
 Cumbe, J. L., Mt. Hilliard.  
 Cumbe, J., Stroud.  
 Cumbe, P. A. J., Dadeville.  
 Cumbe, W. A., Way.  
 Curry, J. H., Northport.  
 Curry, W. G., Livingston.  
 Dameron, J. T., Jenifer.  
 Dahincy, F. A., Geneva.  
 Daniel, I. N., Graham.  
 Daniel, M. N., Warrior Station.  
 Daugherty, A., Dothen.  
 Davidson, F., Phoenix City.  
 Davidson, J. T., Honoraville.  
 Davis, E. T., Hope Hull.  
 Davis, W. T., Lineville.  
 Davis, G. A., Melvin.  
 Dawson, J. D., Town Creek.  
 Dawson, L. O., Tuskaaloosa.  
 Deal, R. C., Echo.  
 Deal, R., Ozark.  
 Dean, V. H., Gadsden.  
 Dean, M. C., Mahan.  
 Deason, P. J., Sterling.  
 Deason, T. J., Kuchcon.  
 DeBerry, Z. T., Wharton.  
 Deer, J. E., Roberts.  
 Denham, N. C., Hyatt.  
 Denton, J. G., Luna.  
 DeWitt, R. J. W., Jackson.  
 DeWitt, W. H., Nicholsville.  
 Dickson, J. P., Hungent.  
 Dickinson, J. W., Ozark.  
 Dickinson, J. G., Uniontown.  
 Dickinson, A. J., D. D., Selma.  
 Dickinson, D. W., Winfield.  
 Dickinson, J. V., Gadsden.  
 Disen, T. B., Blocton.  
 Dix, A. F., Pine Grove.  
 Dobbs, O. N., Oregonia.  
 Dobson, A. P., Allen Glen.  
 Dodd, I. J., Sand Mountain.  
 Dorman, H., Walnut Grove.  
 Dorman, A., Boaz.  
 Dorman, J. W., Gerley's Creek.  
 Draper, J., Hightogy.  
 Draughan, R. L., Perdue Hill.  
 Drew, Wm., Sand Rock.  
 Driver, M. M., Hillabee.  
 Duffey, D. S., Denver.  
 Dunaway, J. W., Perryville.  
 Dunlap, J. H., Gum Springs.  
 Dunn, J. W., Vienna.  
 Dunn, J. A., Daviston.  
 Dunn, W. J., Daviston.  
 Dyer, N. J., Cane.  
 Eager, G. B., D. D., Montgomery.  
 Earnest, W. B., Toledo.  
 Eaves, J. A., Meridianville.  
 Eden, J., Jacksonville.  
 Eden, J. P., Anniston.  
 Edwards, J. M., Woodville.  
 Eiland, C. L., Bullock.  
 Elam, T. J., Randolph.  
 Eley, M. N., Union Springs.  
 Elliott, W. J., Montgomery.

Ellis, Bailey, Womack Hill.  
 Estes, J. A., Coal Fire.  
 Ethridge, A. W., Marvin.

Fagan, J. W., Isney.  
 Falkner, W. W., Charlton.  
 Fargason, T. B., Dadeville.  
 Farrington, F. H., Brierfield.  
 Fendley, J. H., Behrman.  
 Ferguson, J. B., Samanatha.  
 Finney, M., Newburg.  
 Folks, J. D., Trussville.  
 Fort, W. S., Turkistan.  
 Fortune, J. M., Pleasant Hill.  
 Foster, Newton, Sturdivant.  
 Foster, J. H., D.D., Tuskaloosa.  
 Foster, J. H., Jr., Anniston.  
 Foster, C. G., Hillabee.  
 Franklin, D. B., Sandusky.  
 Freeman, F. A., Butler.  
 Fuller, G. R., Brookwood.  
 Fuller, G. W., Hawkinsville.  
 Fulmer, W. R., Hanby's Mill.  
 Fulmer, J. W., Mt. Olive.

Garlington, H. W., Lafayette.  
 Garner, T. J., Ai.  
 Garner, J. C., Ai.  
 Garrett, J. W., Green Hill.  
 Garrett, W. M., Oaklone.  
 Garrett, M., DeArmanville.  
 Gay, A. A., Stinson.  
 Gay, W. D., Montgomery.  
 Gibson, J. S., Mt. Hope.  
 Gilbert, J. I., Hayes.  
 Giles, B. F., East Lake.  
 Gilmer, J. C., Razburg.  
 Glen, J. A., Ashville.  
 Goldsmith, A. F., Calhoun.  
 Gorman, M. C., Bayleyton.  
 Goswick, H. J., Tecumseh.  
 Gothard, Jas. M., Jemison.  
 Gray, B. D., D.D., Birmingham.  
 Gray, Jacob, Attalla.  
 Graylee, J. W., Newtonville.  
 Green, A. W., Guin.  
 Gregory, W. G., Gold Dust.  
 Gregory, J. L., Easton.  
 Griffins, J. P., Mobile.  
 Griffin, W. S., Alexandria.  
 Grimes, S. R., Society Hill.  
 Grover, W. P., Whitesville.  
 Gunn, J., Trinity Station.  
 Guthrie, W. H., Logan.

Hagood, J. J., Louisville, Ky.  
 Haggard, J. W., Chadwick.  
 Hagler, J. H., Warrior.  
 Hale, P. T., D. D., Birmingham.  
 Hale, W. P., Shelby.  
 Haley, J. H., Alice.  
 Hall, W. M., Refuge.  
 Hall, J. M., Mobile.  
 Hall, B. A., Kirk's Grove.  
 Hallman, J. R., Brookwood.  
 Hamberlin, J. B., Healing Springs.  
 Hambright, A. C., Irondale.  
 Hammett, C. B., East Gadsden.  
 Hamner, J. D., Romulus.  
 Hamner, J. W., Seale.  
 Hancock, W. D., Seddon.  
 Hannah, Wm., Brookwood.  
 Haney, S. D., Eldridge.  
 Hanson, E. D., Merrellton.  
 Hanson, H. P., Gasque.  
 Hanson, J. W., Roanoke.  
 Harbin, L. B., Jug.  
 Hardin, A. J., Madison.  
 Hardin, B. G., Fordton.  
 Hardin, C. W., Josie.  
 Harbinson, J. H., Bremen.  
 Hardy, A. R., Greensboro.  
 Hare, C. W., Tuskegee.  
 Hare, S. J., Ashville.  
 Hare, M. J., Andalusia.  
 Harmon, Wm., Good Hope.  
 Harris, Geo. D., Piedmont.  
 Harris, W. W., Huntsville.  
 Harris, J. C., Moody.  
 Harris, John, Beaver Valley.  
 Harris, L., Ozark.  
 Harrison, G. W., Clayton.  
 Harwell, W. H., Hillabee.  
 Hastie, L. H., Talladega Springs.  
 Hastings, G. M., Larkinsville.  
 Hatcher, W. J., Hatcher.  
 Hauser, F. M., Headland.  
 Hawkins, R. F., Luverne.  
 Hays, T. E., Hanceville.  
 Head, H. W., Blountsville.  
 Hearne, A. J., Yantley Creek.  
 Hambre, J. H., Danville.  
 Helveston, F. M., Crichton.  
 Henderson, J. M., Gaylesville.  
 Henderson, W. S., Wilsonville.  
 Henderson, J. W., Shorterville.  
 Henderson, S., N. Birmingham.  
 Henson, David, McIntosh.  
 Herring, R., Louisville.

Heptinstall, J. C., Anniston.  
 Hewitt, J., Strasburg.  
 Hicks, J., Montgomery.  
 Hicks, J. L., Shoults.  
 Higdon, J. H., Zern.  
 Higgins, J. W. S., Valley Head.  
 Higgins, J. B. T., " "  
 Higginbotham, M., Hollywood.  
 Hill, A. B., Lomax.  
 Hilliard, J. W., Rep.  
 Hinson, J. H., Geneva.  
 Hix, R. H., Micaville.  
 Hixson, J. O., Union Springs.  
 Hillon, James, Nauvoo.  
 Hobson, F. M., Hagler.  
 Hobson, W. A., East Lake.  
 Hodge, S. E., Humphreys.  
 Hodnett, L. P., Christiana.  
 Hogan, James, Birmingham.  
 Holcombe, T. D., Bangor.  
 Holden, T. J., Reeves.  
 Holden, J. C., Reeves.  
 Holdridge, G. W., Almond.  
 Holmes, J., Marble Valley.  
 Honeycutt, R. M., Clanton.  
 Hood, N. A., Ashville.  
 Hooper, W. C., Blackburn.  
 Hopkins, W. S., Reedbrake.  
 Hopper, W. C., Elk River Mills.  
 Horn, D. M., Mott's Mill.  
 Hornady, G. A., LaFayette.  
 Horton, J. S., Duck Springs.  
 Horton, J. H., Duck prings.  
 Hosmer, J. W., Bankston.  
 House, B. F., Oak Level.  
 Howard, S. O., Fort Payne.  
 Howell, Ralph, Stephenson.  
 Howell, C., Francisco.  
 Howle, T. H., Delta.  
 Hubbard, W. D., Greenville.  
 Hubbard, W. G., Scottsville.  
 Huchison, F. M., Lentzville.  
 Hucks, Wm., Maysville.  
 Huckabee, J. A., Moss.  
 Huckabee, W. N., Pine Apple.  
 Huckabee, W. A., Winfield.  
 Hudgens, M., Whitecloud.  
 Hudson, F. T., Auburn.  
 Hudson, J. D., Choctaw Corner.  
 Hudson, T. C., Loachapoka.  
 Huey, J. M., East Lake.  
 Hughes, L. D., Daleville.  
 Hughes, J. D., Rockford.  
 Hughes, W. W., Wetumpka.  
 Hughes, C. C., Strawberry.

Hughes, B. C., Weldon.  
 Hunt, T. D., McLure.  
 Hunter, J. P., LaFayette.  
 Hunter, R. M., Avondale.  
 Hurley, H. C., Jasper.  
 Hutchinson, F. M., Pettey.  
 Hutto, A. A., Alpine.

Isbell J. W., Lime Rock.  
 Isbell M., Lime Rock.  
 Ivey W. R., Bessemer.

Jacks W. L., Plevna.  
 Jacks Wm., Estill's Fork.  
 Jacobson F. M., Russellville.  
 Jackson B. A., Ramer.  
 Jackson J. C., Heflin.  
 James B. H., Russellville.  
 James, D. L., Birmingham.  
 Jarvis N. J., Dogwood.  
 Jenkins W. O., Lineville.  
 Jefferson J. R., Arkadelphia.  
 Jernigan J. S., Green's.  
 Johnson J. D., Chulafinnee.  
 Johnson Chas. S., Syllauga.  
 Johnson T. M., Russellville.  
 Johnson N.R.E., Mountain Mills.  
 Johnson M. A., Bluff Springs.  
 Johnson J. M., Dexter.  
 Johnson C. L., Smith Station.  
 Johnson D. R., Eastaboga.  
 Johnson J. W., Clay.  
 Johnson H. L., Alexandria.  
 Johnson, W., Hanceville.  
 Johnson, W., Hillabee.  
 Johnson, Conrad, Montgomery.  
 Johnson, J. R., Rollins.  
 Johnson, W., Trimble.  
 Johnson, W. H., Idaho.  
 Joiner, W. H., Shell.  
 Jones, J. W., Spruce Pine.  
 Jones, J. L., Paint Rock.  
 Jones, B. T., Newton.  
 Jones, M. L., Decatur.  
 Jones, H., Verbena.  
 Jones, John, Bulger's Mill.  
 Jones, W. L., LaFayette.  
 Jones, H. S., Blaine.  
 Jones, J. T., Corona.  
 Jordan, J. D., Marshall.  
 Jordan, John D., Birmingham.  
 Judd, E. P. H., Whistler.

Keener, M. D., Center.  
 Kelly, T. A., Weoka.

- Kennedy, R., New Market.  
 Kennington, J. C., Haw Ridge.  
 Kennington, J. W., Clintonville.  
 Kent, J. M., Birmingham.  
 Kerr, S. W., Reform.  
 Key, H. A., Jug.  
 Keyton, J. R., Dothan.  
 Kidd, R. A., Vincent.  
 Kilpatrick, J. B., Wilsonville.  
 Kirby, H. H., Pearidge.  
 Kirk, M. J., Blowhorn.  
 Kirkland, M. C., Kirkland.  
 Kirkland, R. C., Volina.  
 Kirkland, W. W., Vincent.  
 Kite, D. W., Handley.  
 King, H. A., Gin Hill.  
 King, B. F., Hazel Green.  
 Kilgore, A., Patton Mines.  
 Kizziah, J., Clements.  
 Knight, H. C., Black's Store.  
 Knight, J. L., Coffey's Store.  
 Knight, H., Holly Tree.  
 Knowles, J. W., Lineville.  
 Lackey W. H., Stella.  
 Lambert A. J., Mount Pleasant.  
 Langston J. M., Six Mile.  
 Lankford Jas., Citronelle.  
 Larkin J. R., Coatopa.  
 Law L., Cropwell.  
 Lawley J. W., Moody.  
 Lawton W. T., Henderson.  
 Layton J. O., Ragland.  
 Lawson W. T., Henderson.  
 Lawrence T. N., Shoultz.  
 Leak M. A., Fabius.  
 Leath H. T., Broomton.  
 Leavell T. S., Green Hill.  
 Ledbetter R. C., Walter.  
 Lee J. P., Gregory.  
 Lee G. T., East Lake.  
 Lee W. J., Addville.  
 Lee R. B., Eufaula.  
 Leggett L. G., Kansas.  
 Letcher, J. D., Woodstock.  
 Lester Wm., Garriger.  
 Lindsey S. P., Evergreen.  
 Lipscomb, E. P., Eufaula.  
 Little Robert, Natural Bridge.  
 Lloyd C. C., Greenville.  
 Lloyd J. R., Birmingham.  
 Lloyd W. E., D.D., Auburn.  
 Lord F. F., Goshen Hill.  
 Locke W. A., Axle.  
 Loflin J. C., Henderson.  
 Lofton M. G., Archer.  
 Long J. L., Verbena.  
 Long R. H., Coopers.  
 Longcrier J. H., East Lake.  
 Logan T. S., Steel's Depot.  
 Loudermilk, S. L., Coosada.  
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